

Honored Students PNC

Students Earn Honors

Thomas "Fujii" Stockstill of LaPorte received the Chancellor's Award for Honoring Diversity Scholarship. He tutored with Student Support Services, served on the Student Government and has participated in the Construction Club, Social Work Club, Dean's Leadership Group and Campus Crusade, as well as, Faculty Senate and the Martin Luther King celebrations. Out and about in the community, he has been involved with support groups, church activities, Habitat for Humanity, clothing drives, inmate outreach and as a kindergarten and day care volunteer. Fujii also received the Legacy Foundation, Inc., 2004 Legends Scholarship. last, but not least, he really is a friendly guy.

Kenny Wong of Valparaiso received the Indiana CPA Society for the Outstanding Accounting Student at PNC, which is based on GPA, proficiency in English, math, and speech, willingness to accept responsibility, extra-curricular activities, and moral character.

Other campus awards that were presented include: Club of The Year - Delta Sigma (Science Club); Club Advisors of The Year - Gary Demski and John Coggins, Dean's Leadership Group; Club Member of The Year - Susan Antoszewski, Westville, TRIO Club; Leadership Award - Susan Antoszewski. She accomplished her Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Sciences in a mere three years, while finding time to sit in executive positions in multiple clubs, participate in various fundraisers, tutor others in various subjects and be managing editor of the student-run newspaper [we miss her]. She & her husband have three daughters.

Outstanding Student of The Year - Annette Meadows. Meadows experienced a series of childhood illnesses; married and had children before beginning her college career. She has been president of Student Government, Psychology Club and TRIO Club and a Dean's Leadership Group member. She was involved with a number of community volunteer activities. She plans to pursue her master's degree in psychology at the University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne.

Volunteer Of The Year - Keri Marrs, academic advisor. Marrs led a group of students to Mississippi to work on two Habitat for Humanity homes. She not only raised on-campus awareness of the trip and solicited volunteers; she also coordinated a variety of on- and off-campus fundraising activities. She has kept the momentum high as students continue to volunteer their time to Habitat for Humanity and raise money and donations to help the ongoing project.

Student Government Scholarship - Ginny Borolov, Michigan City; Student Services Diversity Initiative Mini-Grants - Psychology Club and the Business Leaders of Tomorrow. Members of the PNC Student Government Association for 2006 - 2007 academic year: President J.D. Coggins, Valparaiso; Vice President LouAnn Ramsey, Michigan City; Treasurer Matt Martinez, Portage; Secretary Adam Dobrzaniecki, Dyer. Student representatives are Chase Sorrells, Valparaiso; Nick Williams, Portage; Lacey Ridge, Anderson; Amanda Ritthaler, Valparaiso; Jon Charlson, Valparaiso and Stephanie Warnke, Michigan City.

What I did this summer...

PNC Class Visits Gettysburg

by Jessica Ring

On July 1, 1863, the largest battle ever fought on the North American continent began at the small hamlet crossroads of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Before it was over, more than 50,000 Americans were killed, wounded, captured or missing, and the course of American history had been altered forever. Four months later, President Abraham Lincoln arrived in town to say "a few appropriate words" of dedication at a new national cemetery, and in the process permanently etch into American history the meaning of the engagement for generations to come.

Why was Gettysburg so important? Why did it end as it did? Could it have ended differently? Who was responsible for the victory? The defeat? What part did Indiana play in the engagement? In May students in Dr. James S. Pula's HIST 492 course on Gettysburg discussed these and other questions about the Battle of Gettysburg, its importance in American history, and the lengthy literary battles of veterans following the war. Following four evening classes and viewing the movie *Gettysburg*, the group of fifteen students and four community people journeyed to the Gettysburg National Military Park where they toured the battlefield with a guide from the National Park Service, visited specific locations where Dr. Pula explained events they had studied in class or seen in the movie, and spent three days exploring the actual ground on which the conflict occurred including the famous "High Water Mark of the Confederacy," the Soldiers' National Cemetery where Lincoln gave his historic address, Little Round Top, Devil's Den, Cemetery Hill, Culp's Hill and many, many other famous locations. Students walked the very fields where "Pickett's Charge" broke against the Union defenses, visited Robert E. Lee's headquarters, and stood in the historic Evergreen Cemetery where Union soldier sought refuge from Confederate shells among the tombstones.



Students viewing the Indiana state monument near Spangler's Spring, Gettysburg.

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Editor's Note: There were other summer trips that *The Voice* plans on covering in future issues. Anyone who went on this or any other Summer Trip is encouraged to write about his or her experience and submit it to thevoice@pnc.edu

Photos by Dr. James Pula



Students gathered around a monument marking the cavalry battlefield of July 3, 1863, near Gettysburg.

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SGA's New President Welcomes Students

Dear Fellow Students,

On behalf of the 2006-2007 Student Government Association, I would like to welcome you to our beautiful campus for an exciting and well-anticipated school year. Purdue North Central offers many great opportunities for not only a world-class education close to home, but also entertaining activities and clubs that thrive with YOUR involvement.

You chose PNC for a reason. Whether it was for the second-to-none education, the closeness to home, the small class sizes, the connection with faculty and staff that cannot be experienced elsewhere, or the opportunity to engage in our competitive athletics program.

Now choose to be involved in other aspects of your experience here at PNC! Take the risk and find a club or organization that suits you. Our clubs and organizations here at PNC range from Active Voices, a club that strives "to make a positive change through duty and dialogue," to Delta Sigma, a biology/chemistry club that represented Purdue North Central in the hurricane relief efforts last year, to *The Voice*, the student run newspaper that has helped "to inform the campus community about the issues that affect them and to reflect the many voices therein." The SGA hopes that you will help this school year be the best it can be with nothing less than giving a small amount of your time out of the classroom and be involved.

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you on campus this year and wish you the best of luck in and out of the classroom! If there is anything that you would like to talk with us about, please do not hesitate to stop in to our office located in the basement of the LSF building (LSF 67 & 69), we will be more than happy to voice your concern or just to chat! Again, get involved and along with your success in the classroom, your college experience here at PNC will be nothing short of spectacular!

Go Panthers!

J. D. Coggins, Student Government President



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PNC Forms Four Colleges

Rori Peterson
staff writer

Purdue University North Central is now in the "teenage years" of growth, according to Dr. James S. Pula, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Growing pains associated with the transition from a two-year institution to a regional baccalaureate institution, include the development of a new academic structure. As part of the Conceptual Plan for Autonomy for Purdue University North Central, a proposal to change the name of academic divisions to "Colleges" was endorsed by the Faculty Affairs Committee of the Senate and the Faculty Senate, the Academic Affairs Committee of the campus Advisory Board and the Board as a whole.

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These changes, in part, contribute to PNC's autonomy from the main campus in West Lafayette as well as being consistent with terminology of our peer institutions.

Discussions for the restructuring of the PNC academic programs and the name changes from divisions to colleges began in the fall of 2004 and took effect July 1st, 2006. These changes will allow PNC to apply for sponsored-research, to improve upon new student and faculty recruitment and to work with area business and professional groups.

The new structure, under the leadership of Dr. Pula: The College of Business offers associate and baccalaureate degree programs in Business, Organizational Leadership and Supervisions and the Master of Business Administration. William Mack will serve as Interim Dean of The College of Business.

The College of Engineering and Technology includes baccalaureate degree programs in Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering, and Computer and Information Technology as well as associate degree programs in Architectural Technology, Building Construction Management Technology, Civil Engineering Technology, Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology, Industrial Engineering Technology and Mechanical Engineering Technology. Larry Matthews will serve as Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology.

The College of Liberal Arts houses baccalaureate degrees in English, Communication, Behavioral Sciences and Elementary Education. Courses in modern languages and social sciences are also available through this college. Silvia Dapia will serve as Interim Dean of The College of Liberal Arts.

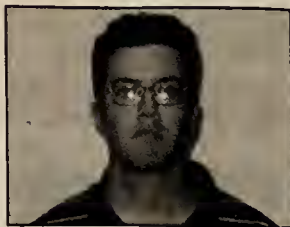
The College of Science is responsible for baccalaureate and associate degree programs in biology and nursing, while offering courses in chemistry, mathematics, physics and statistics. Keith Schwingendorf will serve as Interim Dean of The College of Science.

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Letter from the Editor

On Understanding

The college experience can cultivate a greater understanding of our world and promote better ways to communicate our ideas of this world. More refined communication then builds community, strengthens society and encourages peaceful enterprise if we rely upon truthful, objective and balanced inquiries and solutions. All of our endeavors can be accomplished with a bit of grace if our intentions are built upon truth and the edification of our social surroundings and an open mind that aspires to understand the others around us. A higher truth is then cultivated though the relationships that it fosters and a better understanding of the world relies upon truthful communications in all disciplines.



We learn through the practice of community and the collective thoughts of a long lineage of thinkers and seekers of truth have left to aid us on our path to understanding the world. As college students we are all part of this magnificent pool of truth; but the knowledge we gain in the class may not always bring us to the clarity of understanding. We can take what we know and use it for destructive rather than creative purposes: the same fire that can warm a hearty meal to sustain our bodies can be used to burn the village. Our knowledge of fire can be used to create or destroy. We choose what to do with the technologies that we discover and I believe most of us hope that we choose to create something better out of them to benefit the community.

A good friend of mine once gave me a simple test that one can use in all their social interactions and life decisions to hold one to a high ethical standard essential to the pursuit of community building, healthy relationships and truth. For those who are Rotarians, you will recognize this as The Four-Point Test:

- 1) Is it the TRUTH?
- 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

By asking these four questions we at The Voice hope to communicate to the best of our ability, encourage mutual respect, strengthen the Purdue North Central Community, and foster understanding and truth.

Daniel Cook,
Co-Editor, *The Voice*

Chancellor's Welcome

Welcome to Purdue University North Central for the Fall Semester of academic year 2006 - 2007. Making the choice to pursue a college degree is one of the most important decisions you will ever make and I am pleased that you opted to earn your Purdue degree from PNC.

This fall you will join thousands of students throughout Indiana who will enjoy the benefits of a world-class Purdue University education. Your years at PNC will be some of the most exciting, challenging and rewarding of your life - make the most of them.

I know that students choose to attend college and earn a degree for reasons that are as varied and diverse as our students themselves. Our students come from many different backgrounds and have wide-ranging expectations of their college experiences. But most students do expect to leave college with the knowledge and skills necessary to enter their chosen career field. While acquiring the required skills to get a good job is a great reason for going to college, in reality, a college education will serve you in a number of unexpected ways and provide immeasurable benefits.

Dr. Derak Bok, who served as the 25th president of Harvard University from 1971 to 1991 and has returned to act as interim president of Harvard, recently authored a book that asks a number of tough questions about today's colleges and universities. Among the questions he poses is "What is the purpose of college?" Would most of us respond that the purpose of a college education is to prepare students for the job market? Would that be a fair answer?

Bok takes a deeper look at the purpose of a college education. In his view higher education serves eight core purposes to help students learn essential skills in:

- ☐ communication,
- ☐ critical thinking,
- ☐ moral reasoning,
- ☐ citizenship,
- ☐ diversity,
- ☐ living in a global society,
- ☐ acquiring a broad range of interests and
- ☐ career preparation.

I believe that PNC, like most institutions of higher learning, helps students acquire all of these skills and abilities. Our professors promote an open exchange of opinions, they challenge students to explore new ideas and thought processes and they ask students to consider varying sides of an issue before making a judgment.

Our campus brings together people of all ages, races, religions, backgrounds, interests and intents. Education takes place both in the classroom and in the communities in which we live and serve.

You will find that your PNC education will be challenging, exciting and invigorating. Time and again students tell me that their college education has triggered a love of learning and a continuing desire to learn more. Many of our graduates do in fact pursue advanced studies.

In my years at PNC, one of the most rewarding aspects of my job has been meeting PNC students and learning about your aspirations and goals. That is why I have ongoing open office hours, and have started Coffee with the Chancellor meetings.

These are opportunities for you to stop by to talk about what is on your mind. My open office hours are posted on our campus Web site - www.pnc.edu - and on my office door.

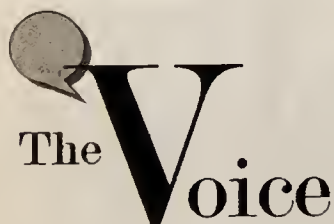
The new Coffee with the Chancellor sessions will get me out of my office so that I can enjoy a cup of Simmer Coffee and informal conversation with you and your fellow students. This is a great time for us to get to know one another. I welcome your questions, comments, suggestions and conversation. For some gatherings, we may have specific topics to talk about, other times we may just want to let our conversation be more spontaneous.

Check our PNC Web site for exact times and locations of these events.

You will find your years at PNC to be among the most challenging, exciting, stimulating ones of your life. Your PNC education will not only prepare you for the world of work. It will also provide you with the many other essential skills listed by President Bok. And after graduation, you will be fully prepared to make a difference in our world. Have a great academic year. I look forward to seeing you around campus.



Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin



The Voice is published monthly under the auspices of Purdue University North Central and is written and edited in its entirety by PNC students. The mission of The Voice is to inform, educate and entertain through the reporting of events, issues

and policies that affect the

campus community. In the dissemination of information, The Voice subscribes to accepted journalistic principles as set out in the Associated Press Statement of News Values and Practices, and the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics.

All letters submitted to The Voice must include the author's name and contact information. Letters should not exceed 350 words and are subject to editing for readability.

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Dean's Dialogue

Dear PNC Student,

It is hard to believe that school is ready to begin for the Fall term. Time really flies. I know I am looking forward to a great year. I have been here a long time, but have not lost my enthusiasm for this campus. We have a great leader in Chancellor Dworkin, and as the year progresses you will see the fruits of his labor. I so hope in the Spring we hear the announcement of a new multi-purpose building. You have no idea how that structure will impact this campus. Until then though, we still have many wonderful things to choose from for students. You can join one of over 30 clubs or participate on one of our sports teams. The Fine Arts, Convocations and Events committee has many exciting things planned for the school year. I know the "Battle of the Bands" and the outdoor evening movie are events you do not want to miss.



John Coggins
Dean of Students

"Each person is responsible for how much they can get out of their college experience."

Purdue Pride Week occurs the second week of school. You don't want to miss that as many fun activities are planned from August 28th to September 1st. Each person is responsible for how much they can get out of their college experience. This is your school so take advantage of what is available. You want to say you had the complete experience.

Please feel free to stop in the Dean of Students Office if you have any concerns or just to say hello. I am sincerely wishing you a great 2006-2007 school year. Go Panthers!

New Faculty Positions

PNC is adding the following new faculty members for the 2006-2007 school year: The College of Liberal Arts is welcoming Robert John Manning as Department Chair of English and Modern Languages and Professor of English; Sara Gerend and Paul Hecht as Assistant Professors of English; Sheila Barry and Ann Carver as Visiting Assistant Professors of English; Karen Donah as Continuing Lecturer of American Sign Language; Shirley Keeton as Assistant Professor of Sociology; Albert Zambone as Visiting Assistant Professor of History; Maria Ziegenfus as Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish. The College of Science is welcoming Rosa Rivera-Hainaj as Assistant Professor of Chemistry; Harshini Fernando as Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Marne Juestel as Assistant Professor of Nursing; Sharon Tutlewski as Visiting Assistant Professor of Nursing; Aaron Warren as Assistant Professor of Physics. The College of Business is welcoming Ronald Brownie as Assistant Professor of Organizational Leadership and Supervision. The College of Engineering and Technology is welcoming Stacy Zurek as Continuing Lecturer/Coordination of Distance Learning. Due to availability issues, new faculty biographies and pictures to be published in a future issue of *The Voice*.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR NEWS

The Voice is a monthly publication. If you would like to submit information, stories, or events, please submit by the following deadlines:

Submission Deadline	Issue Date
August 26	September 1
October 10	October 16
November 7	November 13
November 20	December 4
December 8	January 9
January 31	February 5
February 25	March 2
March 24	March 30
April 17	April 23



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COOL CAMPUS CLUBS

There are a lot of great clubs on campus. Check them out!

Club Contact List

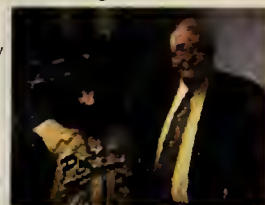
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Dr. Pula Welcomes Students

Welcome to the new academic year at Purdue North Central! The quality of a Purdue education is recognized world-wide. At PNC we are constantly striving to provide the best possible educational experience in the finest Purdue tradition. Last year witnessed many campus accomplishments that combined to illustrate the quality of the educational experience at PNC.



In February, the Board of Trustees granted PNC academic autonomy, which means that the campus is in a better position

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to develop its own academic programs to respond to student and community needs. The Nursing Department had an exceptionally successful accreditation review of its new baccalaureate program that resulted in full accreditation. The Education Department also underwent an accreditation review for its baccalaureate program in Elementary Education that resulted in a recommendation of full accreditation, and gained approval from the state to offer a new program leading to certification in reading. The Business Department had the accreditation of its associate degree reaffirmed, and launched a very successful MBA program that has greatly surpassed initial expectations. All of these accomplishments speak to quality faculty and quality programs.

The heart of the educational process is, of course, the faculty, and last year saw a large number of accomplishments by faculty in the fields of learning, discovery and engagement. Some of our faculty also reached professional milestones. Prof. Judy Serwatka was promoted to full professor by the Board of Trustees, while the Board also granted tenure and promotion to associate professor to Jesse Cohn, Diane Maletta, Cynthia Roberts, and Alain Togbe. Six years ago PNC had 86 full-time faculty. This fall we will have more than 115 including 21 who are new on the campus or who have assumed new positions. More faculty means a better experience for students.

This year we will also welcome a record number of students to campus and to our off-campus locations. These students will be the best qualified group to be admitted to the campus, and will reflect the broad diversity of Northern Indiana. New housing, new science equipment, a new sport in women's volleyball, and many other improvements to campus academic and social life will be available to these new additions to the PNC family, and to our returning students. Welcome, again, to this time of growth and positive change at PNC. Best wished for a very successful year.

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3-D ART OF AFRICA AND OCEANIA EXHIBIT

PNC will present the exhibit "Distant Beauty, 3-D Art of Africa and Oceania," an exhibition curated by Lawrence Kolton. The show runs from Aug. 20 through Nov. 20 in the LSF Building Assembly Hall Room 02. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The exhibit features masks, sculptures and other works from the personal collection of Kolton. The Porter County resident has spent many years researching and traveling the world to collect many pieces of tribal art and artifacts. He's made numerous trips to Africa, New Guinea, Australia, Panama, Mexico, China and India to acquire this art. He travels to remote villages and urban slums to buy handmade art directly from its creator.

He also does extensive research prior to purchasing selected artifacts. These large, hand-made works include fighting shields from Papua, New Guinea; masks from the Ivory Coast of Africa; a Senufo door from the Ivory Coast; an latmul ceiling panel from Papua, New Guinea. Please come see this exhilarating display of art inspired by the beauty of Africa.



Danger in Our Healthcare???

Here is something that may be of interest, especially nursing students. The following is a press release calling for manuscripts for a special publication from *Creative Nonfiction* titled "Silence Kills."

Creative Nonfiction, a national literary journal, seeks essays investigating the need to break dangerous silences within the healthcare community, which comprises professionals, patients and others.

Potential topics might include errors, rule-breaking and institutional unwillingness to confront incompetence, but possible subjects are limitless. Essays must be vivid and dramatic; they should combine a strong and compelling narrative with a significant element of research or information.

The top prize is \$1,000; three other essays will win \$500. The deadline for submissions is October 2, 2006; for more information and complete guidelines, please visit

**Essay Writing
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Deadline Oct. 2**

www.creativefiction.org. For a special issue titled "Silence Kills," *Creative Nonfiction*

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Criteria for submissions:
a) a compelling, focused, sustained narrative that is well-structured, makes sense and conveys meaning
b) well-written prose, rich with detail and a distinctive voice
c) strong reportage
d) an informational quality or instructive element that offers the reader something to learn—an idea, concept or collection of facts, strengthened with insight, reflection and interpretation.

Submissions should be typed and double-spaced, 5,000 words maximum. Faxed or emailed submissions will not be accepted. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (or, if overseas, an email address) for response. Manuscripts will be recycled unless you request otherwise and provide sufficient postage for the return of the manuscript. (For return of a manuscript outside the United States, please enclose a pre-paid postal coupon with sufficient postage to cover sending the manuscript.)

All submissions should include a cover letter that includes the following information:

- name
 - contact information: address, phone number, email
 - title of the essay
 - job title or perspective which informs the essay (e.g. physician, patient, administrator, nurse, etc.)
 - stage of career, if relevant
- One \$1,000 and three \$500 cash prizes and publication will be awarded to the best essays submitted.

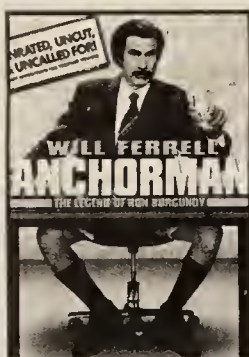
Winners will be paid upon publication of the issue.

A \$20 reading fee should accompany each submission and includes a 3-issue subscription to *Creative Nonfiction*. All submitters will receive a copy of the "Silence Kills" issue, due out in 2007. In case of multiple submissions, a reading fee should be sent for each submission.

Simultaneous submissions will be considered, but we ask that you contact us immediately if the essay is accepted elsewhere.

Please mail submissions to Creative Nonfiction / "Silence Kills" 5501 Walnut Street, Suite 202 Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Contests and scholarships are a great way to get money for school, gain recognition, and acquire knowledge. Please notify *The Voice* if interested in sponsorship. Only F.A. qualified students with references will be considered.



Anchorman Playing at Campus Drive-In

PNC's annual "Purdue Pride Week" includes a drive-in movie, as well as the annual "Pantherpalooza" Battle of the Bands (see information below).

The drive-in movie will be shown Thursday, Aug. 31, and will start at dusk. The movie "Anchorman" (Rated PG-13), starring Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate, will be shown outdoors in an area near the Technology Building. Movie viewers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blanket. Popcorn and beverages will be available for purchase and coolers will not be permitted on the PNC campus. **NO B.Y.O.B.**

Pantherpalooza Battle of the Bands

Have a rockin' time at Pantherpalooza! Join PNC on Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. to listen to great bands struttin' & strummin' to some tunes. The last Pantherpalooza was great; this one is rearing up to be even better. Six bands will participate in a battle of the bands. Be there to scream your head off and vote for your favorite. This event will be outdoors and is open to the public. Admission is \$5. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the PNC Office of Student Activities (LSF 80) or tickets will be available at the door.

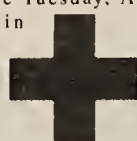
Each band will play approximately a 20 minute set. Singer and songwriter Jason LaVasseur will be on-hand serving as emcee. He's great to listen to as well and has lots of awards to prove it: Best Small Venue Artist 2006; Best Small Venue Artist 2005; Best Musical Performance 2005 and Best Musical Performance 2004. Bring as many people as your car can carry, \$5 per person, and lots of energy for Pantherpalooza 2006.



Give Life & Donate Blood

The American Red Cross is holding a blood drive on PNC campus. It takes place Tuesday, August 29 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in LSF 144.

The American Red Cross is hosting its first blood drive of the 2006-2007 academic year hoping for a target goal of 95 donors for this drive, so please consider donating. Appointments are being scheduled in fifteen minute increments from 10:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Times will fill up fast, so please e-mail soneal@pnc.edu soon if you would like an appointment.



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Please remember, the entire donation process can take up to an hour. If you are uncertain whether or not you are eligible to donate, please visit www.givelife.org or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE and a representative from the Red Cross can answer your questions.

Why Should I Give?

Help demonstrate the power of our community. Having enough of the important blood types is key to ensuring that hospitals and communities are prepared should a personal, natural or manmade disaster strike. Show the measurable difference we can make.

Statistics show that as much as 60 percent of the population is eligible to donate blood. If everyone who donated blood gave just one more time a year, we could put an end to cyclical blood shortages. Increase the representation of African-Americans to be reflective of our power. Representing 14 percent of the population but only 1 percent of blood donors is just not acceptable. Many patients in hospitals look like us, are related to us, and need our help. Should you ever need blood, you would like to know that it will be there for you in an emergency. Indicate your ethnicity when asked on your donor questionnaire and other required documents. There is also solid science motivating the need for your blood: Some African American patients have rare blood types like U-negative or Duffy-Negative. Because these types are rarely found in other ethnic groups, these patients depend on other African Americans to supply this rare blood. African American donors provide the best chance of survival for African American patients with rare blood types. Genetically similar blood is best for those who need repeated or large volumes of blood transfusions for various diseases and conditions like sickle cell anemia, heart disease and kidney disease as well as emergency treatments and surgeries. Blood that closely matches a patient's is less likely to be rejected by the patient and provides fewer risks for complications. Increasing minority donations is vital because blood types O and B, the blood types of about 70% of African Americans — are the blood types most in demand. Those types are also the first to run out during a blood shortage.

- source American Red Cross website

Alpha Sigma Lambda Club News



Brenda Darrol

Members of the PNC's Kappa Delta chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the Honor Society for non-traditional/adult students, volunteered to help staff the May 6, 2006 fundraising Ride or Stride Event of Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited, held at the Midwest Saddle Club in Valparaiso. EEU is a non-profit group that provides educational and therapeutic horseback riding for individuals with disabilities. LouAnn Ramsey, Brenda Darrol, Carol Wilson, and Advisor Alana Burke spent the morning selling tickets and modeling two of the raffle prizes: horse-themed rings. The group generated over \$10,000 for its program. Invitations to join the Kappa Delta chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda are mailed in August to students who meet eligibility criteria. Members must be at least 24 years of age, have a 3.7 GPA or better and have completed 30 credit hours, excluding GNC credits. Induction is scheduled for September 29, 2006. For more information, visit <http://www.pnc.edu/depts/sa/asl/index.html>

Book Review

Gaiman's *Anansi Boys* Lacks Creativity

Anansi Boys is the newest novel by Jessica Ring award-winning author, Neil Gaiman. It's also the perfect story for anyone that has particularly embarrassing parents (and who doesn't?). The whimsical fantasy story centers around modern-day Fat Charlie, a man cursed with a degrading nickname given to him by his father, Nancy.

As if a nickname like 'Fat Charlie' was not enough, Nancy torments Fat Charlie throughout most of his childhood with mortifying pranks on his young son's behalf. Fat Charlie, who would much rather be called Charles, grows up to resent his father and any form of public attention with equal amounts of animosity. That is, until the day of his father's death. His life subsequently falls apart after he meets his long-lost brother - a Hollywood debonair who is everything Fat Charlie failed to be and learns that his father is really Anansi, an African spider god, of sorts.

Anansi Boys is a spin-off of Gaiman's most accredited novel, *American Gods*. Although reading *American Gods* previously is not necessary to understand the characters or storyline of Gaiman's newest work, it does feature the first appearance of Anansi/Nancy and his endlessly mischievous ways.

It is a simple and fairly short read, but an entertaining one. However, the hauntingly beautiful imagery usually featured in his novels was definitely lacking. *Anansi Boys* is all about action, be it fighting anthromorphic bird-women or confronting an identity-stealing brother. The main characters themselves are all a bit ordinary, if not painfully clichéd. In fact, listening to Fat Charlie quibble his failed life can become very boring. So beware, Gaiman fans, if you are expecting the same level of creativity for which he is so famously revered.

In short, *Anansi Boys* is a fun read for those who like their fantasy with a dash of humor. Just don't expect to be it with any sense of profundity, because it has all been written before.

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Teachers Awarded Last Spring

2005 - 2006 Outstanding Teacher Awards

Four full-time faculty members and four part-time instructors at Purdue University North Central have been named as Outstanding Teachers for the 2005-2006 academic year. They were recognized at the annual PNC Honors Convocation. Full-time faculty are selected for the outstanding teacher award through a comprehensive process that included student and peer evaluations. This year's honorees include: Thomas Brady III, Chesterton, Engineering Technology Division; Carol Edwards, Valparaiso, Liberal Arts Division; Paul Osisek, Michigan City, Professional Studies Division and David Feikes (picture not available), LaPorte, Science Division. Outstanding part-time instructors are selected for each of the four academic areas. This year's award winners and their teaching areas are: Madonna Tittle, Valparaiso, Engineering Technology Division; Janet Knight, Crown Point, Professional Studies Division; Beth Rudnick, Michigan City, Liberal Arts Division and Daniel Olson, Valparaiso, Science Division.



Thomas Brady III



Carol Edwards



Paul Osisek



Madonna Tittle



Janet Knight



Beth Rudnick

TRiO Club Announcement TRiO Club announces its schedule for the 2006-2007 academic year.

September 1 First Meeting/Club Social

November 20-21 Clothing Drive

November 23 Flowers for Meals on Wheels & Anarbor with Drifting Dunes Girl Scouts Service Unit #16

December 8 Toy Shop

December 10 Study Day

January 29 Task of Diversity

February 13-14 Carnations for Valentine's

April 26 Mr. PNC



Professional Advisor Training

Barb Austin
Advisor

PNC honored its first group of graduates from the Academic Advisor training program presented on its campus. The program was open to anyone on campus with academic advising responsibilities. All the professional academic advisors participated along with admissions representatives, student support services members and several faculty academic advisors.

The training program was purchased through Noel-Levitz and taught by three professional academic advisors, Dr. Linda Duttlinger, Barbara Austin and Janice Keim. Austin and Keim are recent graduates from Kansas State University with the graduate certificate in Academic Advising. The training program was taught over the course of the 2005-2006 academic year through monthly classes.

Each participant in the program was recognized during a formal luncheon and received a certificate of completion. Participants included: Gail Barker, Diane Borawski, Allana Burke, Carin Chuang, Heather Engstrom, Connie Fidanza, Martha Garcia-Saenz, Jodi James, Janet Knight, Carol Kurmis, Diana Marovich, Keri Marrs de Barron, Marybeth Mitchell, Paul Osisek, Cindy Roberts, Beth Rudnick, Kristi Thomas, Madonna Tittle, and Janice Whisler.



PNC Pride Week Events Schedule

Monday, August 28

Office Decoration Contest (Learning Center is defending champion!)
Black and Gold Day (Entire Campus Community)
Health/Wellness Day (Campus Walk and free blood pressure screenings)

Tuesday, August 29

Alumni Luncheon, Jimmy John's

Keith Scott - Blues Guitarist (PNC Plaza 11:30 a.m.)

American Red Cross Blood Drive (LSF 144 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, August 30

Alumni Luncheon, Wana Pizza

Club Callout (PNC Plaza)

OD TAPO IMI - Steel Drum Pop/Island Music (PNC Plaza 11:00 a.m.)

Thursday, August 31

Drive-in Movie, Anchorman, Rated PG-13

Friday, September 1

Battle of the Bands (Outside 6:00 p.m.), Emcee Jason LaVasseur

Athletics to Host First Golf Outing

Daniel Cook
Co-Editor

The Purdue North Central Athletics Department will be hosting a golf outing to raise scholarship and equipment funds on Friday, September 15 at The Course at Aberdeen in Valparaiso. Registration and driving range will open at 9:30 a.m. and the first four-some will tee-off at 11:00 a.m. The event will end with a pig roast, silent auction and awards ceremony.



The Director of Athletics, John Weber, claimed that PNC teams have the lowest amount of scholarship funds in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. Scholarships are one of the key elements to grow a strong and successful college athletics program.

"A sell out is hopeful," Weber said, "We are all very anxious to see the results." Weber asserted great thanks to all that have helped thus far and is encouraged by the show of support from the Purdue North Central students, faculty, staff and donors from the greater community. Those interested in attending the outing or to become a sponsor, please contact John Weber at 800-872-1231, ext. 5273 or visit <http://www.pnc.edu/athletics/golf06.html> to download registration materials.

2006-07 Panther Basketball Schedule

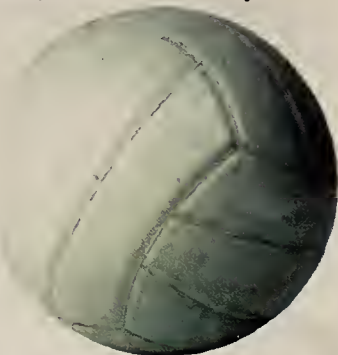
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11/1	Purdue Calumet - Kettle Classic : IUN	TBA	Hammond
11/7	Grace College	7 p.m.	Home
11/10	Geneva College	7 p.m.	Home
11/11	IU-Southeast	3 p.m.	Home
11/14	Illinois Institute of Technology	7 p.m.	Chicago
11/17	Mount Mercy College	7 p.m.	Home
11/21	Moody Bible Institute	7 p.m.	Home
11/25	Indiana Tech	3 p.m.	Fort Wayne
11/28	Mount Mercy College	7 p.m.	Cedar Rapids, IA
11/30	Illinois Institute of Technology	7 p.m.	Home
12/2	Taylor University	2 p.m (et)	Fort Wayne
12/5	Purdue Calumet	7 p.m.	Home
12/7	Illinois-Springfield	7 p.m.	Springfield, IL
12/16	St. Joseph's College	3 p.m.	Rensselaer
12/18	Hope College	7:30 p.m. (et)	Holland, MI
12/20	IU-Northwest	7 p.m.	Home
12/22	IU-Southeast	7 p.m.	New
Albany 1/3	Purdue Calumet	6 p.m.	Hammond
1/6	East-West University	3 p.m.	Chicago, IL
1/10	Judson College	7:30 p.m.	Home
1/13	Trinity Christian College	4 p.m.	Home
1/15	Indiana Tech	7 p.m.	Home
1/17	East-West University	7:30 p.m.	Home
1/18	Moody Bible Institute	7 p.m.	Chicago
1/20	Calumet College of St. Joseph	TBA	Hammond
1/24	Cardinal Stritch University	7:30 p.m.	Milwaukee, WI
1/27	Trinity International University	1 p.m.	Home
1/31	Judson College	7:30 p.m.	Elgin, IL
2/3	Trinity Christian College	TBA	Palos Heights, IL
2/10	Calumet College of St. Joseph	3 p.m.	Home
2/14	Cardinal Stritch University	7:30 p.m.	Home
2/17	Trinity International University	TBA	Deerfield, IL
2/21-2/25	CCAC Conference Tournament	TBA	TBA

All times are CST and PM unless noted otherwise.

All HOME games are played at Marquette High School Scholl Center, Michigan City, IN.

New Intramurals Volleyball

The Panthers will start this fall as a club program before making the jump to an NAIA intercollegiate sport for the 2007-08 academic year, competing as an independent. In 2008-09 PNC will complete their transition by competing as a member of the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. For more information about women's volleyball, visit <http://www.pnc.edu/athletics/volleyball/index.html> Thanks to PNC and new women's volleyball coach Jim Clark. Clark brings a wealth of experience to PNC, including 21 years at Westville High School coaching both the boys and girls varsity teams. During that span, Clark led Westville to 15 Porter County Conference championships, 13 Porter County Conference Tournament championships and six Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association men's state championships. Clark is also a veteran of local club volleyball and beach volleyball activity. He served as a Dunes Junior Volleyball club coach from 1993 to 1995 and spent over 25 years organizing and directing Michigan City Beach Volleyball tournaments. Clark directed the Indiana State Beach Volleyball Championships for 25 years and guided eight IHSVCA state tournaments. Clark has also had the opportunity to coach and influence numerous talented individuals, including Jackie Nunez, who was All-Big Ten at Northwestern and went on to coach at Iowa State, LaSalle and Temple. The mentor coached Nick Cheronis, currently the associate head coach at the University of Florida and Troy Campbell, who has coached Marquette High School to three state championships. Clark has also coached the all-time kill leaders at both the Division I and II levels (Sara McFarland at Loyola Marymount and Ronda Price N. Alabama) among others. McFarland is a member of the USA National Team and the Grand Rapids professional team. "We're excited to bring Jim on board as the first volleyball coach at PNC," said Director of Athletics, John Weber. "With his experience and knowledge we expect Jim to accept this unique challenge of literally starting from scratch and building a highly successful program." Along with his coaching duties, Clark spent over 30 years (1971-2003) as a teacher at Westville High School, primarily teaching psychology and government, in addition to history, sociology and physical education courses. He also runs a part-time business that sells athletic apparel. The veteran coach graduated from Ball State in 1971 and earned a Masters Degree in Education in 1977 from Indiana . He attended PNC from 1966-1968.



2006-07 Panther Baseball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Sat.	2/17	IU-Southeast (DH)	1 p.m. (et)	New Albany, IN
Sun.	2/18	IU -Southeast (DH)	12 p.m.	New Albany, IN
Sat.	2/24	Christian Brothers University (DH)	TBA	Memphis, TN
Sun.	2/25	Christian Brothers University	TBA	Memphis, TN

Fri.-Sun. 3/2 - 3/11 Spring Trip TBA 10 games Florida

Thur.	3/15	Bethel College (DH)	1 p.m.	TBA
Sat.	3/17	Robert Morris College (DH)	12 p.m.	Chicago
Mon.	3/19	Grace College (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
Fri.	3/23	University of St. Francis-IN (DH)	1 p.m. (et)	Fort Wayne, IN
Sat.	3/24	Calumet College of St. Joseph (DH)	12 p.m.	Whiting, IN
Mon.	3/26	Olivet Nazarene (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
Thur.	3/29	St. Xavier	3 p.m.	Home
Fri.	3/30	JV Games-Ancilla College (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
Sun.	4/1	Illinois Institute of Technology (DH)	12 p.m.	Home
Fri.	4/6	Trinity International (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
Sat.	4/7	Trinity Christian (DH)	12 p.m.	Palos Heights, IL
Tue.	4/10	JV Games - Ancilla College (DH)	2 p.m.	Donaldson, IN
Wed.	4/11	IU-Northwest (DH)	2 p.m.	Home
Fri.	4/13	St. Xavier	3 p.m.	Chicago
Sat.	4/14	Judson College (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
Tue.	4/17	Goshen College (DH)	2 p.m. (et)	Goshen, IN
Wed.	4/18	Aquinas College (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
Sat.	4/21	Cardinal Stritch (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
Sun.	4/22	University of St. Francis-IN (DH)	12 p.m.	Home
Tue.	4/24	Grace College (DH)	2 p.m. (et)	Winona Lake, IN
Sat.	4/28	University of St. Francis-IL (DH)	12 p.m.	Joliet, IL
Sun.	4/29	IU-Northwest (DH)	11 a.m.	Gary, IN

Thur.-Sat. 5/3-5/5 CCAC Tournament

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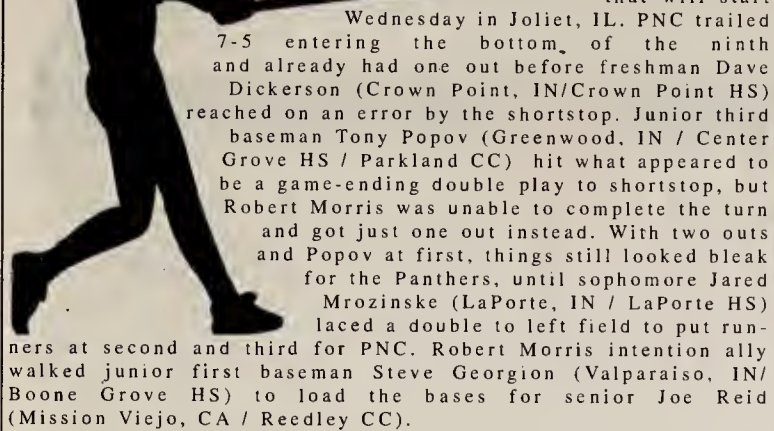
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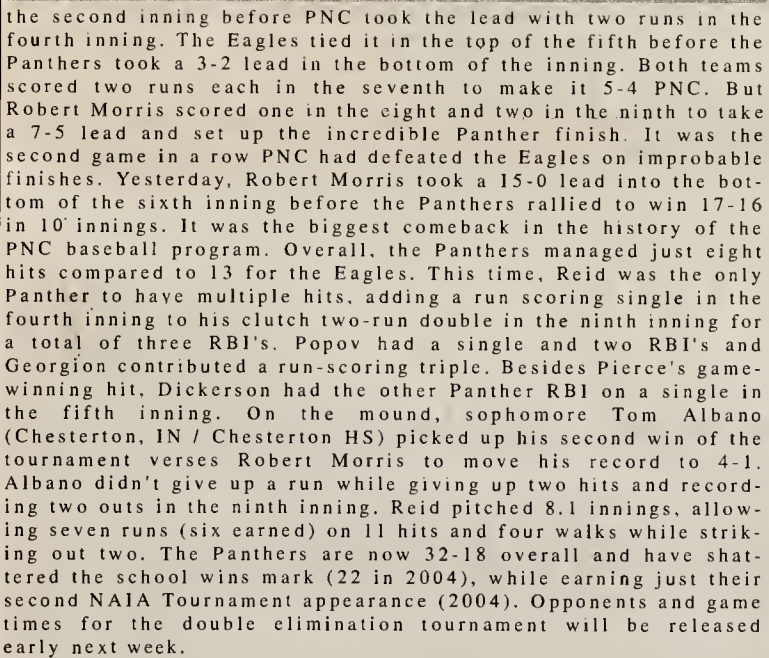
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Saturday August 19, 2006

The Panthers of Purdue University North Central used another stunning rally to defeat Robert Morris College 8-7 in the championship game of the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) Tournament held at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL. The win gives the Panthers an automatic birth into the NAIA regional tournament.



Reid laced a double to right field to score Popov and Mrozinske to tie the game, bringing up junior second baseman Chad Pierce (Crown Point, IN / Crown Point HS). Pierce ripped a single up the middle to score Georgion and clinch the championship for the Panthers! Both teams played solid baseball and responded numerous times to the other's challenges. Robert Morris scored one in



Heavy Recruitment Numbers to Aid Softball Team

The Panther Softball Team looks to remedy last season's crushing 6-32 record by increasing its roster twofold. The official roster has not been released, though Denny King, Assistant Coach, said with the exception of PNC graduate Jackie Mellen the final



Valorie Minyard #14

King views the tournament as a way to gauge and evaluate the talent for the regular spring season and encourage new students to adapt to the many commitments of college athletes. The official roster will be announced soon after spring practices begin after the winter break.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
3/3-3/8	Spring Break Tournament	TBA	Tuscon, AZ
3/14	Taylor University	3 p.m.	Home
3/17	Franklin College (DH)	12 p.m.	Franklin, IN
3/18	Marion College (DH)	12 p.m.	Indianapolis, IN

3/21	Aquinas College	3 p.m.	Home
3/24	Concordia University	1 p.m.	Ann Arbor, MI
3/25	St. Francis University	TBA	Home
3/27	St. Xavier University	3 p.m.	Home
3/29	Robert Morris College	4 p.m.	Chicago
3/30	Trinity International University	3 p.m.	Deerfield, IL
4/2	Judson College	4 p.m.	Home
4/4	Trinity Christian College	3 p.m.	Home
4/9	Calumet College of St. Joseph	TBA	Home
4/12-14	Iowa Wesleyan Tournament	TBA	Mt. Pleasant, IA
4/15	IU-Southeast	12 p.m.	TBA
4/19	Olivet Nazarene	3 p.m.	Bourbonnais, IL
4/20	University of St. Francis	TBA	Home
4/21	Mount Marty College (DH)	12 p.m.	Home
4/24	St. Joseph's College	5 p.m.	Home
4/28	Cardinal Stritch University (DH)	12 p.m.	Home
4/29	Franklin College	12 p.m.	Home
5/5-5/7	CCAC Conference Tournament	TBA	TBA

All home games are played at Patriot Park in Michigan City, IN.

Directions to Patriot Park: From I-94: Head southbound on US 421. At the light (W 300 N) turn left. Follow 300 N to first stop sign (950W) and head south (right). Entrance to Patriot Park is less than a quarter (1/4) of a mile down on the right.

Good luck to the PNC Panthers Softball Team!!!

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Daniel Cook
Co-editor

The PNC Panther baseball team looks to start their short fall season in hopes to repeat the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Title they earned toward the close of the 2005-2006 season. The final regional rankings placed the Panthers in the fifth slot with a win-loss ratio of 31-24. The current roster has the

potential of forty-five plus team but also Panther members and practices will Athletics overall. The begin soon on Hicks Field department has grown on the south side of campus from 39 athletes in to set down the groundwork October 2004 to 81 student for a successful spring athletes in 2006. The schedule. The short fall efforts to increase the ball season will include intra- club have paid-off quickly squad games and the second with the team as the 2005-annual old-timers baseball 2006 Panthers were the game on September 16 at second club in the pro-11:00. Coach John Weber grams history to qualify cites the amazing expansion for post season play at the of not only the baseball NAIA Regionals.

Record: 32-20-0	Home: 16-5-0		Away: 10-11-0		Neutral: 6-4-0		Conference: 11-9-0			
Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Opponents	50	41	46	53	31	39	36	9	7	2
PNC	42	46	46	48	43	38	23	8	6	5
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Welcome Freshman!!!



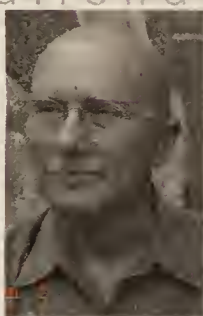
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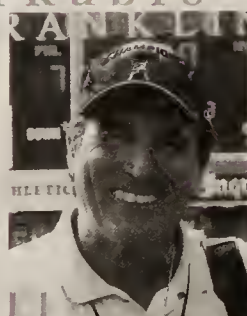
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September 10

Bob Woodward

An Evening with Bob Woodward

As the most respected investigative reporter in the news business, Bob Woodward has earned nearly every American journalism award, including the Pulitzer Prize. From his groundbreaking book *All the President's Men* to his latest work *Bush at War*, he asks the probing questions and delivers answers which both fascinate and inform his readers. A masterful speaker, his program will surely be the subject on everyone's mind Monday morning.

September 24

Carol Marin

Chicago Politics vs. the News Media

Highly respected television news anchor Carol Marin has won broadcast journalism's most prestigious awards including a national Emmy. Join us for an evening of her unique insights into local politics and the role of the journalist in the political process. She will address what we as viewers should expect from, and look for, in our news media personalities.

October 22

Henry Pollack

Scientific Uncertainty and Global Warming: Moving on Without All the Answers

Sponsored by the Bankoff Endowment for the Forum

No other scientific topic has been in the spotlight more over the past two decades than global climate change. One of our nation's leading authorities in the field, Professor Henry Pollack will guide us through the complexities of this all-important subject and give us an understanding of how uncertainty impacts public policy. With wit and humor, Professor Pollack makes this controversial topic not only understandable, but entertaining as well.

November 12

Joel Siegel

On the Movies and Living with Cancer

Sponsored by the Duneland Health Council

Multi-talented, six-time Emmy winning media critic, Joel Siegel is an engaging and masterful storyteller. From inside scoops on Hollywood celebs, to his life as a cancer survivor, he is sure to charm our audience with his warm personality and wonderful sense of humor while providing beneficial insight into a disease that touches all of our lives. Siegel has written a Broadway musical about Jackie Robinson, invented ice cream flavors for Boskin-Robbins and is the President and co-founder of "Gilda's Club" an organization supporting cancer patients and their families. His life, which is chronicled in his best selling book *Lessons for Dylan*, will be the backdrop for this wonderful program.

December 3

Vince Papale

"Invincible"

Vince Papale's rise from a 30-year-old season ticket holder to Philadelphia Eagles football player and team captain is the stuff that dreams are made of. You will hear this inspiring personal story of determination and "heart" from this former Philadelphia Eagles walk-on legend. His amazing story is the subject of a new book, *Invincible*, due to be published this fall and is the basis for a major motion picture starring Mark Wahlberg and Greg Kinnear. Here's your chance to meet a true sport's hero.

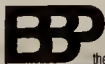
NOTE: All programs will be held at the Elston Middle School, 317 Detroit Street, Michigan City. All programs will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased in person from the Michigan City Public Library in Michigan City and from Kabelin Hardware, 512 Andrew Avenue in LaPorte and at PNC Porter County (Graduate Center) 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso.

Student tickets are available at no cost from Purdue University North Central and LaPorte County high schools. Your gift over and above the cost of a regular ticket helps us maintain excellence in programming. Even if you cannot attend, please consider supporting this exciting community resource.



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Area Storm Hits Hard

**PNC Reports Storm Damage:
150 Trees Destroyed**

by Jessica Ring

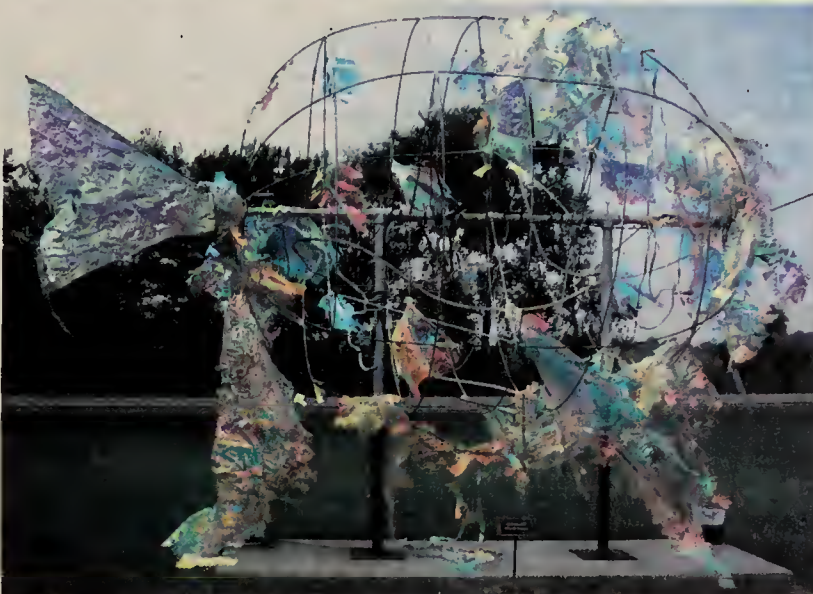
On August 23, the storm that terrorized faculty and students alike on campus created damage reported as far away as the Chicago suburbs.

The presence of an actual tornado remains disputed, because the myriad eyewitness claims were unconfirmed. However, a "tornado watch" was issued by the SPA to an area 20 miles north and 60 miles south of Valparaiso and the emergency sirens blared around the city.

The predominant line of damage stretched from LaPorte to Gary. Twenty-three thousand homes in and around Michigan City, as well as the PNC campus, experienced power failure during the storm's peak.

Felled trees and debris blocked major roads, and a CSX freight train was blown off of the tracks. The Washington Park Marina experienced significant damage along the dock. Close to 100 inmates from the Indiana Department of Corrections were utilized to clean up the mess at the Marina as well as around Pines Township.

Several injuries were reported,



"Eye Candy" was completely demolished by the storm and was in ruins. It has now been taken down.

but the severity of the injuries and the overall extent of the cost of damage remains largely unknown.

According to CityWatch.com, the propensity for tornadoes and tornado-like activity in Westville is somewhat below the Indiana state average, but 69 percent greater than the United States average. The greatest

storm with the most reported damage occurred in 1963, when a category 4 tornado caused 70 injuries, one death, and up to 5 million dollars in damages.

Tornado preparedness tips can be found on the LaPorte County Red Cross website <http://laportecounty.redcross.org>.

9/11 Five Years Later
by Megan Marrs

September 11th is a day that will stand out in the minds of everyone old enough to remember what they were doing that morning. I remember my alarm clock going off and hearing panic in the voices of the radio dj's to whom I usually awake as I wiped the sleep away from my eyes. At first I thought the President was assassinated, but came to realize as I watched The Today Show, that the twin towers were struck.

It is easy to sit and focus on the horrible aspects of that day—how the terrorists were successful and nailed us on our own soil, how hatred was spewed on the American people, and how our age of innocence had suddenly came to a halt. However, it is important to instead focus on the love and sense of nationalism that came because of that day.

I often like to remember the quote from the movie, Love Actually, "Whenever I get gloomy with the state of the world, I think about the arrivals gate at Heathrow Airport. There is a general opinion that we live in a world of hatred and greed, but I don't see that. It seems to me that love is everywhere. Often it's not particularly dignified or newsworthy, but it's always there - fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, husbands and wives, boyfriends, girlfriends, old friends. When the planes hit the Twin Towers, as far as I know, none of the phone calls from the people inside were messages of hate or revenge. They were all messages of love. If you look for it, I've got a sneaky feeling you'll find that love actually is all around."

Though five years later there are still

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Record Enrollment Stimulates Expansion

by Daniel Cook

A jump in current enrollment numbers by nearly six percent since Fall of 2005 confirms renewed community interest in PNC. The class of 2010 will likely see an increase during their next four years in the facilities on campus as well as 10 to 12 new degree programs offered in the near future.

The positive growth could translate to state funding for campus expansion,

including a new parking facility, activity center and science facility. Raw enrollment numbers are not the only sign of growth. An increase in the number of credit hours students are enrolled in has also soared by eight percent since 2005, as well as an expansion of first-time freshmen class by over six percent.

Larry Barrett, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Services, attributes the enrollment increase to the

school's focus on relationship building with the student-body and the greater community. He sees what he has called the "cradle to the grave" approach to service to the students coming to fruition as evidenced in the spike in enrollment.

Other recent developments that Barrett sees as contributing to future enrollment are Ivy Tech, the schools low-cost and low-debt ranking, academic autonomy from the Lafayette campus, as well as concerted efforts to bring area secondary school students into contact with PNC representatives.

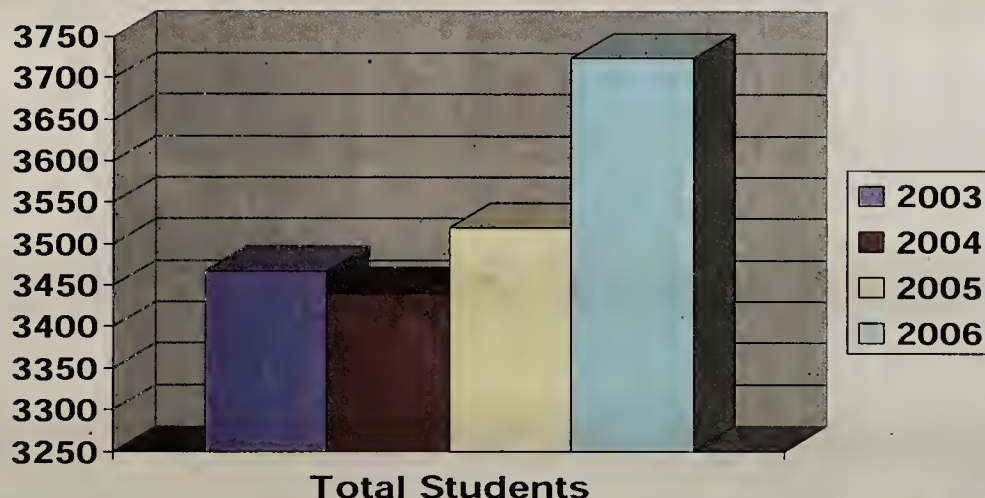
The long-term goals set by PNC officials are to have 5000 students enrolled in classes in the year 2012, a 30 percent increase over a decade. Programs and space are expected to grow to accommodate the expansion.

Along with rapid growth comes logistical problems. Limited classroom and parking space has initiated the spreading out into the PNC Porter County campus. There are 516 students enrolled in classes at the Valparaiso site.

According to Chancellor James B. Dworkin, new degrees an increase in students with full time status and a multimedia marketing campaign to raise community awareness of the positive changes at PNC are paying off. Chancellor Dworkin explained that PNC is at the end phase of the current strategic plan as the Purdue system awaits the replacement of President, Martin C. Jischke.

In the interim period the school will be assessing its successes and shortcomings to continue toward servicing more students and increasing the quantity and quality of degree programs at PNC.

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Run, PNC, Run

by Jessica Ring
Assistant Editor



I was finishing up my shift in the Gallery Café when an eerie, intermittent bell began to shrill over the campus intercom. I paused long enough, caked in food and sweat, to ascertain that someone had walked through a nearby fire exit. Then, as the Orwellian voice announced the coming of the maelstrom (Okay, maybe it was just a tornado watch), I found myself corralled into the basement of LSF while the distant, apocalyptic sirens blared throughout the city of Westville. I, as well as several of the other temporary basement refugees, were lost in the dark as soon as the doors shut behind us.

Silent, uncomfortable waiting proceeded as I tried to remember anything I knew about tornados and tornado safety. Hide beneath a desk? Atomic bomb. Run like crazy? Fire. Duck down in a windowless corner with your head between your legs? Tornado.

We probably could have been spared the hour or so of anguish and uncertainty by brushing up on basic safety lessons. The rudimentary and government-mandated drills in primary and high school taught us nothing except to wait for further instruction. What if further instruction never comes? In my case, I eventually wandered to the parking lot and hoped that Highway 421 was not completely obstructed, and I drove home.

In a city where the tornado occurrence is 61 percent higher than the national average, it probably would not hurt to be familiarized with basic emergency procedures. Here are a few from LaPorte County's Red Cross website:

When a tornado WATCH is issued:

Listen to local radio and TV stations for further updates.

Be alert to changing weather conditions. Blowing debris or the sound of an approaching tornado may alert you. Many people say it sounds like a freight train.

When a tornado WARNING is issued:

If you are inside, go to the safe place you picked to protect yourself from glass and other flying objects. The tornado may be approaching your area.

If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area.

If you are in a car or mobile home, get out immediately and head for safety (as above).

After the tornado passes:

Watch out for fallen power lines and stay out of the damaged area.

Listen to the radio for information and instructions.

Use a flashlight to inspect your home for damage.

Do NOT use candles at any time.

More safety tips can be found at <http://laportecounty.redcross.org>

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Wisdom

by J.C. Cummings
Campus
Ministries

Here at PNC we've registered, paid our fees, and gotten our books. We attend our classes to receive and question all that which we haven't yet caught. All in the pursuit of wisdom, so on you're journey may your hearts be humble and able to receive the schooling you're about to get.

To paraphrase the Holy Bible, for wisdom is the main thing, get her and she will promote you to honor. Search for her as a hidden treasure and she will add years to your life. For he who loves wisdom loves his own soul, because without her is the way of death. There is no wisdom in the grave.

Happy is the man that

finds wisdom, for her riches are greater than fine gold. Better is a poor wise man than a fool with many riches. The fear of a fool will overtake him, and the wise man will walk in the light. Wisdom makes a man's face to shine, and gives him confidence in all that he is. Wisdom is the greatest defense. Wisdom is better than all the weapons of war. Wisdom is greater than strength.

The mind has sharpened the congregation of the wise. The wisdom of man leads to the lust of power and pleasure. The wisdom from above is pure and full of peace, merciful and just, without hypocrisy. By wis-

dom the heavens and the earth were formed. By wisdom is a strong house built. By wisdom a nation is exalted. If you love wisdom you will find her treasures hidden in one who draws you now.



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Pantherpalooza Battle of The Bands

by Trilaina Sibó

Judges had their work cut out for them this year at the Pantherpalooza Battle of the Bands on September 1. Six bands from Northwest Indiana gave it their all and gave listeners a night to remember. Emcee Jason LeVasseur brought a touch of humor to the stage with his light-hearted songs such as "The Steps of St. Patrick's" and his rendition of "Puff the Magic Dragon," as well as his conversations with the Crazy Head Super Fan a.k.a. Matt Martinez. He also did songs such as "Time After Time" and "Sad to See You Gone."

The Lloyd started the battle off with a few cover songs, as well as an original song, "Smokey." Blues met rock with this band, and left a lasting impression. Vocals from Aaron Frey blended with guitar from Justin "Dudd" Hitz and Andy Yacuk on lead guitar, as well as Jack Turner on bass and vocals and Travis Miller on drums to give a true

blues experience. The band and some of their music can be found at <http://www.myspace.com/thelloyd>.

Cause of Rebellion, which many people used to know as the band COR, picked up the beat with a hard rock beat and sweet lyrics in their original song "The Same." Vocals were done by Bill Jones, with Jon Nebelung on lead guitar, Matt Battorff on rhythm guitar, Jim Howe on bass, and Joel Salrin on drums. Additional information can be found at the band's website, www.COR4u.com.

Echofarm, comprised of lead vocalist Eric Fine, lead guitarist Brian Fine, and drummer Ryan Nicoletto, was easy to listen to. Bittersweet lyrics and rock beat made this band an easy listen. See the band's website at <http://www.myspace.com/echofarm>.

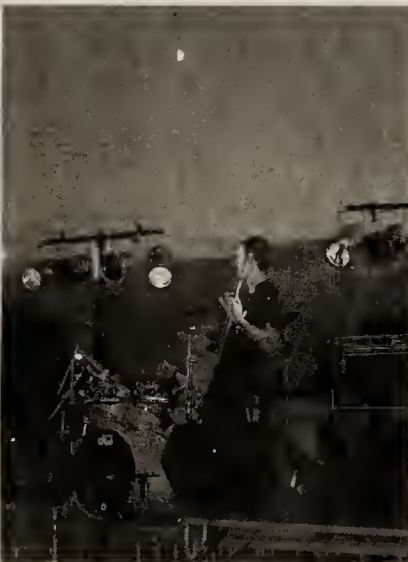
Temporal, the instrumental band that came next had songs such as "Backyard Blast,"

an original song by lead guitarist Steve Craft. The band didn't need words to convey the feelings of the quick, upbeat songs. Bassist Perry Tirotta was great, and drummer Jack Gildia amazed people with his drum solo. The band is scheduled to appear on PBS sometime this month for the Open Studio event.

Hoodoo Groove brought a true party-like atmosphere to the battle with their "New Orleans funk/jazz fusion." Besides the usual lead guitar, played by Justin Ross, drums by Steve Krojnowski, and bass by Matt Miles, they also had trumpeter Mark Gamble and tenor saxophone player Chris Olivier. The band is truly a positive result of Hurricane Katrina, and would not be the same without Olivier, who relocated to

South Bend from New Orleans after the hurricane. Though still under construction, more information can be found at the band's website, www.hoodoo groove.com.

The winners of the Battle of the Bands, Invent the Dark, were cut off with one song to go at 10:48 p.m. Fortunately, the bands were able to play that long, as noise complaints started being called into the La Porte County Sheriff's office as early as 9:17 p.m. The band made quite an impression, however, with haunting vocals by guitarist Ry Herma, as well as the hard rock beat provided by drummer Will Schnabel, guitarist Matt Langel, and bassist Chris Gillette. More about the band can be found at their website www.inventthedark.com.



Lakefront Art Festival Award Winners Announced

The Lubeznik Center for the Arts has announced the award recipients from the 25th Annual Lakefront Art Festival. Artists were selected by a panel of five judges including: Bunny Fisher - Board member of the Lubeznik Center and professional photographers' rep/agent; Marilyn Hawrylewicz - fiber artist/weaver and member of the Duneland Weavers' Guild; Sharee Morse, owner and Creative Director of Morse and Company Advertising; Jennifer Small - Graphic Designer, Morse and Company Advertising; Tom Scarff, sculptor and curator for PNC sculpture park program and owner/director of Star Gallery. Judging took place on Saturday, August 19 and winners were announced later in the afternoon.

Ribbons were presented in five categories this year: Category I - Best Two-Dimensional Art, including paintings, watercolors, oil, printmaking and drawing: 1st Place, Elan Smadar Livne; 2nd Place, Jimmy Duke Johnston; 3rd Place, Robert Klunk. Category II - Best in Three-Dimensional Art, including sculpture, wood, metal, stone, ceramics and glass: 1st Place, Michelle Zorich & Katherine Martin; 2nd Place, Michael Mikula; 3rd Place, Philip Wilson. Category III - Best Jewelry: 1st Place, Nadine King; 2nd Place, Marc Zoschke & Wendy Baxter; 3rd Place, Niela Millar. Category IV - Best Photography: 1st Place, Julie Schwarz; 2nd Place, John Peer; 3rd Place, Terry O'Neill. Category V - Best Fiber Art, including basketry, weaving & wearable art: 1st Place, Samuel Yao; 2nd Place,

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Technology & Music

by Trilaina Sibó

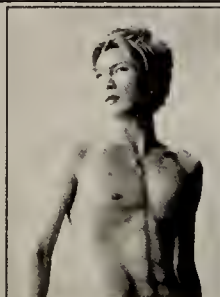
Technology has completely changed the music industry. CDs made it far easier to find a certain song than cassettes did, and the internet has changed the way people even get music, from shopping to storing. People can now pick and choose what songs they wish to have, and can also see music videos never released to TV stations such as MTV and VH1. Websites like BearShare.com and LimeWire.com allow people to share files with others on the site, often for free. People can even use online tools to take an artist's song, mix it with another, and produce something completely new and different.

Many artists have changed their approach to the music industry. Traditionally,

bands went to label companies and tried to get the company to listen to them. Now, however, many companies will go scout the artists. Many bands, such as the Barenaked Ladies, have actually started marketing their own CDs.

Others, like Beck, have let technology carry them along by posting their own music and homemade videos on websites like YouTube.com and allowing online viewers to comment and post replies. Artists don't have to know how to play an instrument anymore, either. Computer programs are available that allow users to simulate instruments using their keyboard and mouse.

Ways of storing and playing music have also changed. CDs and MP3s now allow people to store many more songs than records ever did, sometimes in hundreds of songs to a disk. MP3 play lists may often outlive battery life, giving listeners hours of songs.



Asian Rocker Gackt Pleases Rock Fans

by Trilaina Sibó

When people think about rock music, they tend to think of the bands that are plastered on the covers of the latest magazines, or some of the old-school bands that helped shape the genre. Many people never think of Asian rock.

J-rocker Gackt is a shock to the American system. With his crooning, expressive voice and dramatic music, Gackt seems like a few artists mixed into one. He switches between slow, loving ballads, such as his song Last Song; and fast-paced, pounding heavy metal, such as Redemption. Fans of bands like Def Leppard and Rammstein will quickly become hooked. Websites like YouTube.com make finding the songs, music videos, and concerts simple, and many have translated lyrics.

The Alienist

A Book Review

by Jessica Ring

Caleb Carr's *The Alienist* is a horrifically enchanting period thriller set in 19th century New York. It is a gripping tale that will thrill history majors and murder-mystery fans alike.

Featuring none other than former president Theodore Roosevelt, a makeshift team of detectives strive desperately to stop a string of murders involving the gruesome mutilations of impoverished children at the height of New York corruption. Armed only with their own ingenuity and a controversial new technique called "dactyloscopy" (fingerprinting), they seek an elusive killer in historical neighborhoods such as the Bowery and Five Points.

However, Carr's novel is much more than a mindless 'slash-fic,' albeit heavy in the gore in some parts. It seamlessly incorporates the culture and the people who once occupied both the upper echelon and the fringes of destitution at turn-of-the-century New York.

The Alienist (a term formerly used to describe the modern-day psychologist) gives a human perspective to a tormented killer, revealing the dark side of human capacity without the rather contrived presence of a faceless boogeyman.



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Digging Dinosaurs

by Trilaina Sibo

PNC students Michael Crowley, Jonathan De La Cruz, Carmeron Kelly, and Lara Uriadko, as well as West Lafayette student Kristin Pairitz and alumnus Adrian Miamontes, were able to spend a week learning how to excavate and prep bones. Geobiology and Evolution, a new class at PNC, went to Price, Utah to help the college at Eastern Utah with a dinosaur dig this summer.

The class was a chance for students to participate in science while still in school. Though it is tempting to simply go to a site and start digging, permits are needed for excavation making it difficult for undergraduates to get any true field experience. Many ideas only touched on in the classroom, such as evolution, are brought to life and made real in the field.

Contrary to popular belief, most dinosaur skeletons are not complete and sitting on the top layer of dirt, waiting for somebody to stumble over them. Often, the only way to tell bones apart from surrounding rocks is by color.

Bones are usually a darker color due to minerals deposited by water and lack of carbon. Prep work is a careful process and can sometimes take years. Many skeletons seen in museums are not complete, and have had missing bones filled in.

The class learned skills while in the field, and a few made some important discoveries. Michael Crowley found the jaw bone of a baby Therizinosaur, a kind of feathered dinosaur. Lara Uriadko found the rib of an unnamed species of armored dinosaur.

Dr. Hengst is extremely proud of his students, and would like to offer the course again. Class size is, unfortunately, small, but students do not have to be science majors to participate.

Pictured at right: Participants of the summer dino dig opportunity hard at work. Photos submitted by Dr. Hengst.



Dr. Kim Scipes and Students Travel Abroad

by Megan Marrs

Summer is a great time for spending time with family, friends, and traveling abroad. Dr. Kim Scipes, Assistant Professor of Sociology here at PNC, was fortunate enough to go on two trips this past summer.

June 17 through 26, he traveled to Venezuela with Nicole Miller and Chris Overbey, two of his students. They were able to get a sense about the happenings in the country. He was given a partial scholarship by the Marin Interfaith Task Force on the Americas in Mill Valley, CA to go on this trip. For more information please see www.venezuelanalysis.org/articles.php?artno=1771

Scipes was also able to visit South

Africa from July 6 through August 7. He stated, "The main reason I went to South Africa was to present a paper," (AFL-CIO Foreign Policy Program and John Sweeney: Progressive Change or Return of Labor Imperialism?), "at the International Sociological Association's 16th World Congress of Sociology in Durban, South Africa from July 23-29."

Many amazing things happened to Scipes while there. He was asked to participate in a "Author Meets Critics Panel." He was elected for a four year term to the Board of Research Committee 44.



Dr. Kim Scipes holds a drum (above) during his trip to Africa. Students (left) in Venezuela.



Comparative Labor, his main area of work. In addition, he participated in an "invitation only" conference on "Trade Unions and Politics," spoke as one of three opening-night speakers for a four-day international labor history conference, and conducted lots of research circling the labor movement.

Through his research he was able to find two major developments since the post-

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Immigration Forum

by Lyndsie Daikhi

The Race Relations Council of Northwest Indiana, partnered with PNC, will be sponsoring a public forum, the first in a trilogy on the subject of immigration in the United States. The first Public Forum on Immigration is titled *The Immigration Story: An Historical Perspective* and will be held on October 5, 2006, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in LSF 02 Assembly Hall at the PNC campus. The forum will include a poster presentation exhibit titled the "History of US Immigration."

These presentations will be a collaborative project of students in Dr. Scot Smith's Fall 2006 Advanced Presentation Speaking class and Dr. Michele Davis's Summer 2006 Gender and Society students. These presentations will show a variety of examples of the different phases of immigration in the United States. PNC's Vice Chancellor Dr. James Pula will begin the forum with a welcoming speech.

Following the opening remarks from Dr. Pula, there will be a panel discussion. The panel members will include Dr. James Pula; Dr. Janusz Duzinkiewicz, Historian & Chair, Department of Social Sciences at PNC; Dr. Jonathon Swarts, Political Scientist; Celina Weatherwax, Director, Northwest Indiana Office and Statewide Hispanic/Latino Outreach Coordinator.

The panel will be moderated by Dr. Michele Davis, Sociologist. The panel will discuss the different groups and periods of immigration beginning with the slave trade, moving to the eastern and western Europeans immigrants, followed by Asian immigration and finishing with a discussion regarding the current Hispanic and Latino immigrants and the debate surrounding that subject.

Following the panel discussion there will be an interactive question and discussion session between the panel and the audience.

After a short intermission that allows the audience to browse student poster presentations, four emigrants will share their experiences: Dr. Deepa Majumdar, PNC professor from India; Hanh Huynh, La Porte business owner from Vietnam; Maria Fruth, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of the La Porte Hospital Foundation from Brazil; and Selena Saldivar, PNC student from Mexico.

Following their personal stories will be an open discussion between the audience and the speakers allowing for interaction and opinions to be voiced.

Ending the evening will be closing comments and discussions of future forums from the Director of Northwest Indiana Race Relations Council, J. Allen.

*"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore, Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed,
to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door."*

OLS Associate Professor Travels to New Zealand

by Megan Marrs

Sarah Sanders Smith traveled to Dunedin, New Zealand for the 31st International Improving University Teaching conference.

According to Sarah Sanders Smith, OLS Associate Professor at PNC, "International travel is the mechanism to understand other cultures in a way one could never learn from reading or outside study alone. I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to travel abroad to go! But when you do, branch out!"

She was asked to present her paper titled "Empowering Learners: The Remarkable Effects of Affective Communication."

Smith was able to meet lots of people from all over the world, share her knowledge in International Human Resources and in emerging business trends, participate in the pre-conference tours, and even stay in an impeccably maintained dormitory at University of Otago. She received an International Travel Grant through the Purdue Foundation to go on her trip. To read Smith's paper please visit, <http://www.iutconference.org/pdfs/Sanders%20Smith%2011B1.pdf>



Coffee with the Chancellor

Chancellor Dworkin brings the students an opportunity to engage in coffee talk. Sessions will meet in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. Coffee, soft drinks, and cookies will be served. Meeting dates and times are Sept. 26 from 3 to 4 p.m.; Oct. 17 from 9 to 10 a.m.; Nov. 16 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Coffee with the Chancellor attendance is limited to PNC students only, to ensure that students have an opportunity to speak without staff or faculty present.

"This is an ideal time for students to talk to me," said Dworkin. "I'm open to any topic of conversation that is of concern to PNC students."



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Crazy Calypso Campus Club Callout

by April Hodge

On Wednesday, August 30, PNC held its annual Club Callout. This provided the clubs with an opportunity to recruit returning students who did not go to student orientation.

There were many clubs giving away information. PNC also sprung for free pizza from Wana Pizza. Students gobbled it up while listening to some wonderful steel

drum/pop/island music. There had been threats of storms in the early morning, but the skies opened up and the sun prevailed, giving the students a wonderful day to enjoy the festivities.

Some faculty and staff were not tremendously amused that the music could be heard inside the buildings during classes, but students seemed to welcome the distraction in the second week of classes, the chance to hang out at LSF, peruse the club information, greet old friends, and meet new ones.

KDP Initiation

By Ashley Davis

Kappa Delta Pi
Vice-President of Publicity

Kappa Delta Pi Alpha Alpha Upsilon Chapter 620 initiated 28 new chapter members on May 3, 2006. KDP would like to congratulate and welcome Emily Baughman, Stephanie Bernier, Jessica Betz, Katie Coulter, Jane Cramer, Michelle Cuddeback, Ashley Davis, Stephanie

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Dunham, Andrea Easton, Jeffery Edinger, Sara Fazekas, Julie Heise, Amy Johnson, Rebecca Lane, Melissa Lucas, Lynsey Marckese, Stephanie Markovich, Brandon Muha, Brett Parks, Susanna Schroeder, Michelle Smith, Kimberly Socha, Jennifer Byrne Stasiek, Tommy Sunn, Ashley Taylor, Lanaya Teets, Megan Vedo and Melissa Winkoff into this International Honor Society in Education.

The 2006-2007 Chapter officers were

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Pluto's Plight

By J. Troy Tyler

For 76 years, schoolchildren have been taught that our solar system consists of nine planets. After a recent meeting of the International Astronomical Union (IAU); however, that number has now been reduced to eight. Pluto, along with several other objects, are now classified as "dwarf planets." Why? The simple answer is that astronomers have detected many objects in the outer edges of our solar system that are as big as or, in some cases larger than, Pluto. This means that either Pluto can't be considered a planet anymore or that the number of planets in our solar system must be well over nine. This dilemma has been a source of debate both inside the scientific community and out.

Part of the problem is that there has never been a very specific definition of what the term "planet" means. What criteria are used to decide that one object is a planet while another is called an asteroid? The IAU has decided upon three major criteria that an object must meet in order to be classified as a planet. First, the object must have sufficient mass so that its own gravity will cause the object to be spherical in shape. This rules out most asteroids and other irregularly-shaped objects. Secondly, the object must orbit the Sun rather than another object. This disqualifies moons that are large enough to be spherical. The third criterion is that the object must have cleared its orbit of other objects and debris, and this is where Pluto fails to make the cut. Pluto's orbit carries it through a region of the solar system known as the Kuiper Belt. Thousands of objects similar to Pluto are located in this region, some of which are larger than Pluto itself.

Many in the scientific community do not accept this definition due to imprecision of the third criterion. Asteroids and other debris still remain within the orbits of some planets such as Jupiter and even Earth. This argument has some validity and the IAU's decision remains in debate among astronomers. Some people, however, are upset over Pluto's demotion simply because we've been calling it a planet since its discovery in 1930.

Thankfully, the scientific community requires more rigorous standards than simply saying, "It's what we've always done." After all, if this kind of thinking were dominant in scientific circles, we would still believe the world was flat and at the center of the universe. As we learn more about the universe around us, we must be prepared to change our views.



TRiO Club Announcement

TRiO Club announces its schedule for the 2006-2007 academic year.

November 20-21 Clothing Drive
November 23 Flowers for Meals on Wheels & Anarbor with Drifting Dunes Girl Scouts Service Unit #16
December 8 Toy Shop
December 10 Study Day
January 29 Task of Diversity
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by Hallie Johnson

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3. The Green Guide (www.TheGreenGuide.com): Health and environmental safety reports on everything from bath towels to wood furniture. Post your own questions and get involved in legislative issues.

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5. New American Dream (www.NewDream.org): Inspiration to help you live simply and consciously, buy wisely, and make a difference in your community.

6. Organic (www.Organic.org): A terrific assortment of product reviews, recipes with nutritional information, organic farmer profiles and a "Just for Kids" section.

7. Reduce Waste (www.Reduce.org): This searchable database (either by topic or fact sheet) has ideas on how to create less waste at home, school, work and in the garden.

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9. Pesticide Action Network (www.PANNA.org): A hefty resource library provides up-to-date research and ideas on spreading the word against using pesticides.

10. Treehugger (www.Treehugger.com): A web-magazine with information on anything and everything eco-friendly.

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Limerick

There once was a (noun) named (proper name) who (verb 1) with a (adjective) (noun); (pronoun 1) (verb 2) like a (noun) and then promptly (verb 3) down and now (pronoun 1) (verb 1) like a really (adjective) (noun).

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Networks are not built in a few days, or a few weeks. Networking is something that should start today, as soon as possible. Talk to your classmates, your professors, your advisors. Talk to everyone you meet here on campus and off campus. The vast majority of people find jobs through word of mouth, not in the newspaper or on-line. It takes years to build up a network of people "in the

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also instated on this date. These officers are Presidents Devon Mulligan and Brett Parks, Vice Presidents Julie Gant, Ashley Davis, and Kelly Harmon, Secretary Megan Vedo, Treasurer Kimberly Socha, Historian Jessica Betz, Foundation Representative Jeffery Edinger, Club Communication Representative Stephanie Bemier and KDP Membership Chair Laura Miller.

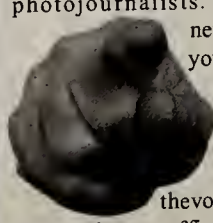
9/11 cont'd. from page 1

many problems in our world, I think 9/11 served as a learning piece for our generation. Yes, there are ignorant extremists that find joy in mass murder and acts of terrorism, but there are also caring people who want to help others, show love, and teach others the benefits of having an education. It is also easy to focus on what is happening right now—the war. I find it absolutely disgusting to listen when others link the entire Muslim culture to terrorism. We could sit here angry at those who took our loved ones on that dark day or we can use the experience as a tool and do something about the state of our world. Each of can make a positive difference.

What I have learned from 9/11 is that as college students, it is our responsibility to educate ourselves about other cultures in the world and try to get an understanding about their beliefs. By doing so, it is my belief that we can use our education and fix what other generations before us have torn apart. Perhaps one day we can find a happy medium between all of the cultures in the world.

The Voice needs YOU!

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cont'd. from page 3 Lubeznik

Diane Perry; 3rd Place, Anne Clary.

The Festival took place Saturday and Sunday, August 19 & 20. Artist participation was up by 20% from last year and the Lubeznik Center is impressed with the range and quality of the artists' work.

Mark your calendar for the 2007 Lakefront Art Festival which will take place on August 18th and 19th in its new permanent location that was established this year. For more information, call 219-874-4900 or visit www.lubeznikcenter.org. Lakefront Art Festival Presenting sponsor: WNIT Public Television

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Corrections

Despite our best efforts *The Voice* occasionally makes errors. Issue 1 errors: Dr. James Pula was the author for the Gettysburg article, not Jessica Ring; the new advisor for STAND is Beth Starnes (Diane Morrow is no longer working at PNC); Devon Mulligan was named as the President of KDP. This year there are two Co-Presidents, Devon Mulligan and Brett Parks.

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Anagrams

Figure out the correct word, name, or common phrase. The number of letters is shown in parentheses.

Food: 1. Awful Recoil (11)

2. Rich Eat OK (9)

3. A Sugar Sap (9)

4. Emu Leg (6)

Flowers: 1. A Sad Spirit (10)

2. A Big One (7)

3. Many Crush Them (13)

4. I Weed Less (9)

Movie Directors:

1. Quiet in Non Tartan

2. Resists Romance

3. A Normal

4. Jacket

(7,9)

(6,8)

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Anagram Solutions

Food: 1. Cauliflower 2. Artichoke 3. Asparagus 4.

Legume Flowers: 1. Aspidistra 2. Begonia 3.

Chrysanthemum 4. Edelweiss

Movie Directors: 1. Quentin Tarantino 2. Martin Scorsese 3. Roman

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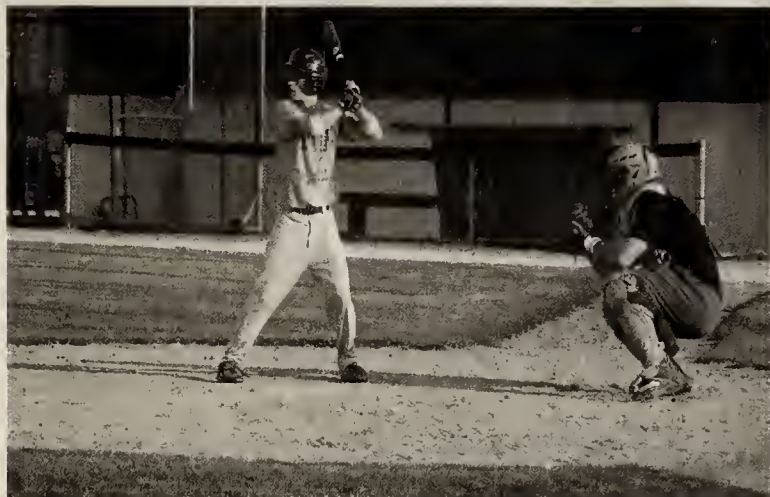
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Sports

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Practice, Practice, Practice



The PNC baseball team has been busy gearing up for the regular season with intrasquad scrimmages.



2006-2007 Volleyball Schedule

(Tentative schedule)

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
9/12	Indiana University Northwest	7 p.m.	Gary, IN
9/16	Prairie State	1 p.m.	Home
9/23	Robert Morris University	1 p.m.	Loyola University Chicago
9/30	Purdue University Club Indiana University Club	TBA	West Lafayette, IN
10/5	Robert Morris University	7 p.m.	Home
TBA	PNC Panther Spiketacular Tournament **	TBA	Home
10/14	Purdue University Club Tournament	TBA	West Lafayette, IN
10/21	Western Michigan Club Tournament	TBA	Kalamazoo, MI
11/4	Michigan State Club Tournament	TBA	East Lansing, MI

* All times are CST ** All interested women's college club, USAV club and recreational teams should contact Jim Clark at jclark@pnc.edu. ***All HOME games are played at Marquette High School in the Scholl Center in Michigan City, IN.

Directions to the Scholl Center: Take I-94 to Highway 421 North to Michigan City. Hwy. 421 turns into Franklin Street. Continue North on Franklin Street to 10th Street. Turn Left. The Scholl Center will be a building approximately 3 blocks on your right.

Pounce says, "If you love sports, help out PNC by contributing to your student newspaper. It really needs photojournalists and sportswriters for the upcoming sporting seasons. I know that the PNC student body has a lot of talent out there, so stop by *The Voice* office LSF 68 and tell them that Pounce the Panther sent you!" GO PANTHERS!!!



Softball

by Trilaina Sibo

Softball Coach Jeff Boardman says he is very happy with the team. Returning players include Katie Ebach and Stephanie Zacharias in the outfield, shortstop Jessica Brannagan, Betsy Maher playing third, Heather Weaver at second, Jenn Cassell at first, catcher Val Minyard, and pitchers Tracy Markwell and Alissa Whitake. Newcomers include freshmen Kristina Falcon and Alyssa Duncan in the outfield, Erin Foust at shortstop, Lauren Stoval infield, and pitchers Kate Golden and Erin Weber. Transferring from other colleges are catcher Kayla Vaigo, pitcher Bethany Toyais, outfielder

Ashley Watson, and infielder Melissa Carson.

The softball team's first game was played Sept. 9 at Grace College in Warsaw. They have games scheduled for the next five Saturdays with home games on Sept. 16 at noon and October 7 at 2 p.m. at Patriot Park in Michigan City. Conditioning begins in November, and the team then meets five days a week after the holidays in January. March 2, the team will be flying out to Arizona for a week and will play ten games while there. The regular season lasts from March to April, with a conference tourney on May 2. The team expects to play 49 games within the two month spring season.

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September 24

Carol Marin
Chicago Politics vs. the News Media

Highly respected television news anchor Carol Marin has won broadcast journalism's most prestigious awards including a national Emmy. Join us for an evening of her unique insights into local politics and the role of the journalist in the political process. She will address what we as viewers should expect from, and look for, in our news media personalities.

October 22

Henry Pollack
Scientific Uncertainty and Global Warming: Moving on Without All the Answers
Sponsored by the Bankoff Endowment for the Forum

No other scientific topic has been in the spotlight more over the past two decades than global climate change. One of our nation's leading authorities in the field, Professor Henry Pollack will guide us through the complexities of this all-important subject and give us an understanding of how uncertainty impacts public policy. With wit and humor, Professor Pollack makes this controversial topic not only understandable, but entertaining as well.

November 12

Joel Siegel
On the Movies and Living with Cancer
Sponsored by the Duneland Health Council

Multi-talented, six-time Emmy winning media critic, Joel Siegel is an engaging and masterful storyteller. From inside scoops on Hollywood celebs, to his life as a cancer survivor, he is sure to charm our audience with his warm personality and wonderful sense of humor while providing beneficial insight into a disease that touches all of our lives. Siegel has written a Broadway musical about Jackie Robinson. Invented ice cream flavors for Baskin-Robbins and is the President and co-founder of "Gilda's Club" an organization supporting cancer patients and their families. His life, which is chronicled in his best selling book *Lessons for Dylan*, will be the backdrop for this wonderful program.

December 3

Vince Papale
"Invincible"

Vince Papale's rise from a 30-year-old season ticket holder to Philadelphia Eagles football player and team captain is the stuff that dreams are made of. You will hear this inspiring personal story of determination and "heart" from this former Philadelphia Eagles walk-on legend. His amazing story is the subject of a new book, *Invincible*, due to be published this fall and is the basis for a major motion picture starring Mark Wahlberg and Greg Kinnear. Here's your chance to meet a true sport's hero.

NOTE: All programs will be held at the Elston Middle School, 317 Detroit Street, Michigan City.
All programs will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased in person from the Michigan City Public Library in Michigan City and from Kabelin Hardware, 512 Andrew Avenue in LaPorte and at PNC Porter County (Graduate Center) 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso.

Student tickets are available at no cost from Purdue University North Central and LaPorte County high schools. Your gift over and above the cost of a regular ticket helps us maintain excellence in programming. Even if you cannot attend, please consider supporting this exciting community resource.

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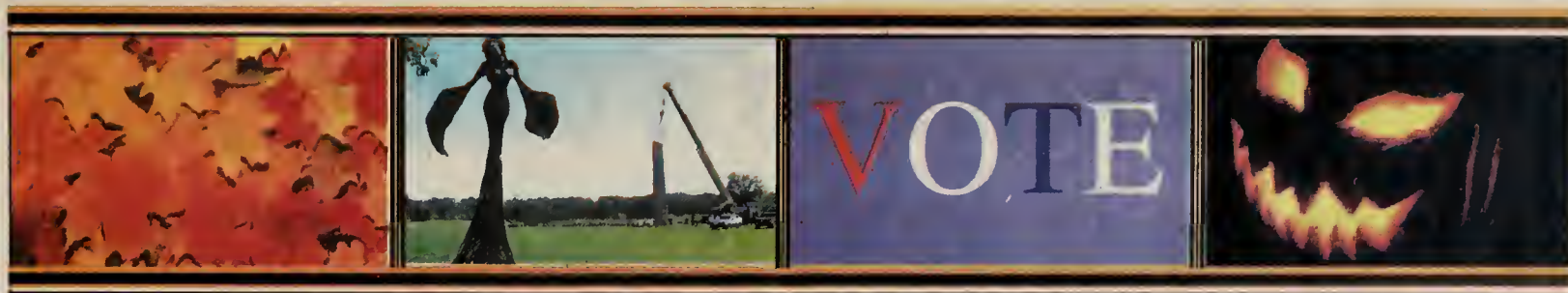
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Dr. Pula Resigns Asteriadis Appointed Interim Vice-Chancellor

By April Hodge

Dr. James S. Pula has stepped down as the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. He has decided to concentrate on his role as Professor of History and continue to teach.

Dr. George Asteriadis once again resumes the role as Interim Vice Chancellor while PNC engages in a national search for a replacement for Dr.

Pula. According to a memorandum from the Chancellor's office "[a] search committee will be set up and an announcement on this important search will be forthcoming shortly."

In the memorandum, Chancellor Dworkin asks the PNC community to wish Dr. Pula well in his return to the classroom. No comment was received from Dr. Pula about his decision to resign as Vice Chancellor. It is PNC policy not to discuss staffing issues.

Faculty Senate Pushing to Adopt New Constitution

By Dan Cook

The proposed draft of the Faculty Constitution and Faculty Senate Bylaws has spurred controversy over student, faculty, and administration involvement in the Senate and campus committees if the Constitution were to be adopted.

In a document released by the Faculty Affairs Committee at the August 25th Senate meeting it is outlined that the intention of the committee is to have a Faculty Constitution and Faculty Senate Bylaws that is ready to be sent to the Purdue University Board of Trustees in November that will "reflect our new autonomy and new College structure."

Dr. Tom Brady, Jr., Head Chair of Faculty Senate, claimed that the Senate was charged by the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs to make changes in the Faculty Constitution because academic autonomy made some of the language in the current constitution obsolete.

If adopted the new Constitution would have very little effect on students, asserted Dr. Christine Lehmann, one of the primary drafters of the document, "it would affect faculty, but not students."

Still concern has been expressed by the Student Government and the Student Affairs Committee

over the retention of student representation on committees appointed by Faculty Senate.

Dr. Brady maintained, "We [Faculty Senate] are not trying to write anybody out of this," and added that when drafting the Constitution they looked to what other campuses in the Purdue system are doing. "The Senate is not asking for anything that is not in the Purdue system already," he claimed.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Services and Student Service, Larry Barrett, and the Dean of Students, John Coggins both expressed during the Student Affairs Committee meeting on Sept. 29 that they had many points of question in both documents that need clarification.

The main concerns discussed by the Student Affairs Committee are the possible omission of student representation on committees and the Dean of Students loss of voting rights on the Faculty Senate as well as some confusion as to whether or not the Director of the PNC Library would retain committee membership.

Dr. Lehmann claimed that she was not aware of any changes in the structure of the Student Affairs Committee though she added that there would be changes in the Assessment and Student Learning Committee and Calendar Committee if the Faculty Senate Bylaws are approved.

Lehmann stated, "Any committee is free to invite any-

Constitution cont'd. on 9



Old School vs. New School - Purdue North Central Panthers Baseball Coach, John Weber (right), shows-off his sportsman-like conduct with former PNC Centaurs Coach, Larry Blake Sr., during the second annual old-timers game. The Panthers nearly swept the Centaurs ending the game with a 10-1 final.

Golf Outing Raises Over \$30,000

By Dan Cook

The first annual Purdue North Central golf outing at The Course at Aberdeen on September 15 was a tremendous success netting over \$30,000 in donations to go toward athletics scholarships and equipment. The winners of the four-person scramble went to the team sponsored by Austin Masonry & Concrete, Inc.

John Weber, PNC Athletic Director, couldn't have been more pleased with the outcome and he is grateful to all who supported and sponsored what he described as a first-class event.

"The leadership and administration in the golf committee made it a successful event for everyone," Weber said thankfully.

It has taken Purdue Calumet over two decades of promoting this type of event to raise the funds that Purdue North Central was able to collect with their first event.

The Dean of Students, John Coggins, thanked the twenty-five member committee and claimed that this one event made the entire athletic scholarship

budget for the year.

Coach Weber added, "Response to the golf outing was truly overwhelming, we already have seen interest in next year's event which will be on September 14, 2007."



Taylor - Turner - Miller Team



Scott Parsons & Alex Szmuto



Leslie Plezac, Vice-Chancellor of Administration Bill Back, Susan Brychell, & Carolyn Block golf outing photos taken by Ray Demski.

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PNC BITS

SGA to Elect Representative

The SGA voted to impeach Representative, Chase Sorrells, at the October 6 meeting due to lack of attendance.

According to the SGA, Sorrells had missed three consecutive meetings this term because of work conflicts.

SGA Treasurer, Matt Martinez, released this statement: "It is regrettable that the impeachment process had to take place, but it was something that Student Government had to do in compliance with our Constitution. Chase is a great student and person; it is unfortunate that due to a scheduling conflict he will not be able to serve as a member of the SGA as he was considered a great asset."

The impeachment leaves a void in the SGA that will be filled within the next three weeks with a candidate chosen by the SGA in an open meeting on November 3 at 3:00pm.

Students interested in vying for the position need to obtain an application packet from the Dean of Students Office or the SGA in LSF 69. All materials including a completed application, personal statement and signed petition will be due on October 27 at 3pm in the Dean of Students office.

Candidates will have an opportunity to address the SGA at the November 3 meeting.

Voter Registration Drive

The Voice held its first ever voter registration drive on Oct. 4 & 5. It was a success. Many people were first-time registers anxious to get to vote. Thanks to all who made it a success.

The New Constitution

The proposed Faculty Constitution passed Faculty Senate by a 14-3 vote on Oct. 13. The document will be reviewed and voted on by the full voting faculty during the week of Oct. 16. If passed by a two-thirds majority, it will then go to the Purdue University Board of Trustees for final approval.

Commentary

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October 2006

American Students + Politics = Apathy

I hear variations of this equation far too often. But are we apathetic? Certainly our voting record is quite poor slipping from 50% in 1970 when the voting age was lowered to 18 to 32% in 2000. But still does this alone prove student apathy?

The fact may be that we know too much; so much that we don't know what to do about it or perhaps we feel that our voice in politics will go unheard or that our vote won't make a difference. This is not wholly untrue. One vote makes little difference out of many million, but a group of voters, knowledgeable about the issues and critical about the actions of our representatives can have an effect on politics.

The proof of the power student groups can possess is in the European, Latin American, and Chinese student unions, and elsewhere in the world. The proof is in our own recent history of student involvement in the anti-war and civil rights movement in the 1960's and 1970's.

Organized students have affected our political landscape, shaped our ideals, and changed the curriculum in our universities. The student "radicals" of the 1960's fought to have classes that we take for granted today such as courses concerning gender, race, ethnicity, and peace studies. Many of these classes make up part of our well-rounded education today.

The Chinese student protests in the late 1980's in which we watched students resistors crushed by military tanks driven by their own countrymen were explained to us by our media as a student driven Democratic movement. What many of the protestors really wanted was the right to choose their major and many of them continue to push for this right.

Many students know this. There are few secrets that our media does not eventually uncover and even the least informed student can't help but know something about the war in Iraq or the upcoming mid-term elections or the Foley scandal. We can't escape the barrage of media that we face every day.

So students know something about our world. Most of us feel that our representatives are not doing a good job as polls reflect that 75% of Americans disapprove of our current Congress and 63% disapprove of the job that President Bush is doing. Those numbers would grant us F's by Purdue standards.

We know that our President made a grave mistake and likely told bold-faced lies to enter us into a war in Iraq that has claimed the lives of 2747 of our brothers and sisters and left 20,468 wounded; a war that by some estimates has taken the lives of 50,000 to 100,000 Iraqi citizens. We know that we can't trust that we receive objective news reporting about the war in Iraq as many of the journalists that submit to our large news agencies were embedded by the U.S. government.

We know about the tower of greed exposed by the Jack Abramoff scandal and his connection to Tom Delay and others including President George W. Bush.

We know that our Congress and our President support torture, indiscriminate wiretapping, violating our privacy and limiting Habeas Corpus rights.

We know that we don't feel that our government has made our country safe against future terrorist attacks.

Somewhere in our national collective unconscious we know that we read or heard the words of Edmund Burke, "All that is necessary for evil to succeed is that good men do nothing."

We know our "[r]ights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness - That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it and to institute new Government," as penned by Thomas Jefferson.

We know that we still have the right to vote, to think and speak critically about our government, and to become involved in shaping our world.



Dan Cook Co-Editor

Welcome (10-5-06)

By Natalie Klobuchar

I held your picture today, for an hour - the only one I have.
That hollow feeling crept up my neck again, and I cried a little.

I said your name today, for an hour - the only thing I could.
My chest broke in half and my heart fell out, and I cried a little.

I'm missing the laughter and the jokes, because you can't speak anymore.
I'm missing the advice and the smiles - it makes me cry a little.

You know, I told one person you left and watched her crumble on the couch.
I'd trade that moment for five in Hell - I'd even cry a little.

I think about you every day - at least once or twice; I close my eyes and breathe.
I think about the answers you took with you...away, and then I cry a little.

"Look at this photograph - every time I do, it makes me laugh."
And "Sugar, we're going down swinging."
(Your face fades into my mind like the Cheshire cat.)
Your name could brighten my most dismal mood, and stop time. . .

I'll bet you kept God deep inside your pocket - but forgot he was there that day.

I'll bet you put up a pretty good fight - you weren't gonna go that way.

I'll bet you looked Death right square in the eye - I'll bet you went down swingin'.

I'll bet you were scared and all by yourself - I bet I know what you were feeling.

I'll bet you got to the pearly gates - I'll bet you hung your head.
I'll bet you regretted your decision right then - and wanted to go home instead.

I'll bet He took you by His side - and held your precious face.
I'll bet He said He loves you, Mark, and "Welcome to this place."

Last year, on October 9th, Mark Edwards committed an accidental suicide. I call it "accidental" because he changed his mind at the last minute - but it was a little too late. For the longest time, I was so mad at him and I couldn't analyze his decision. Then I realized: I could be as pissed as I wanted to be, but it wouldn't bring him back and it wouldn't give me an answer. All I have left are the memories and the smiles and that's what it all comes down to - the good times. Mark was such a good looking guy, an awesome friend, and an incredible athlete. He was the life of the party, a total sweetheart, and so easy to talk to. I know you're having a blast up there, Mark! We sure miss you lots, down here.

Love forever,
Natalie



Photo: Mark Torres

The Civil Rights Movement is Not Just in History Books

By Jodi James

On September 11, 2006, I left O'Hare to start out on an incredible journey to Washington, D.C. For one week, I was part of a civil rights movement that I had only read and heard about in history books and on TV.

I joined a group known as ADAPT, a grassroots organization which uses demonstration and civil disobedience techniques to fight for the rights of people with disabilities. Each year, they host "actions" in different parts of the country to get the word out about the needs of people with disabilities. This particular action was held in D.C. and focused on the passing of MiCASSA, the Medicaid Community Attendant Services and Support Act. This law would allow money go to a person who needs long-term care services so they can stay in their own homes. Currently, 94% of long-term care funds in Indiana go to nursing homes. This means that people do not have a choice of where to live if they need assistance with daily living tasks such as dressing, bathing, house-keeping, etc. ADAPT believes that people with disabilities should have the right to decide where they want to live and should be more in control of how they receive the services they need.

Each day during the

action, we would line up according to our color groups. It was an amazing sight to see over 300 people using wheelchairs lined up single file rolling down the middle of the streets of Washington. We received a police escort everywhere we went. There was chanting and singing. I do not think I have ever been with so many people at one time who all believed in the same thing. They were all going for the same goal and all had one agenda. It was an exhilarating feeling.

The first day, my group broke off from the rest and went to visit the offices of the National Public Housing Authority. It was difficult to get that many wheelchairs up to the ninth floor, especially when security started threatening to turn the elevator off so they could stop us from going up. We then took over a hallway of offices and blocked it so that no one could do business. Our demands were brought forth and we sat there and chanted, sang, and made lots of noise until negotiations were held and both sides were happy. What surprised me most was the attitude of the staff at these offices. You would think that they would want to sit down with us and get us out of there as quickly as possible. However, they immediately said they couldn't help us and called security. Eventually we were able to talk with them and get what we wanted. What an exhilarating feeling! It is amazing what you can accomplish when you have so many people supporting you and wanting the same things you do.

On another day, we piled into the plaza in front of the Housing and Urban Development offices. We were asking for help from them to make affordable, accessible, integrated housing. It was pouring down rain and cold, but that didn't stop all of those in

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E=mc²?

By J.C. Cummings
Campus Ministries

Relativity...It's the pervasive thought of this generation's post-modern ideology. I'm okay you're okay. What you believe is true for you but not necessarily for me and vice versa. Yet we're both right, because all paths parallel travel to the same destination...truth. Even though truth is not absolute but rather, you know, relative.

The interesting thing about Einstein's theory of relativity is just that, it's a theory. It can't be proven in reality. For our reality consists of space, time, gravity, and a light that travels at a speed which cannot be multiplied upon itself, for light cannot travel faster than itself. To take any of these out of the equation, or to postulate a theory with these things beyond the observable capabilities of their nature is to dive into a realm of, shall we say, false reality. For these items cannot exist in a degree beyond their true nature. It's like trying to study the spawning habits of a sockeye salmon in a river of lava. The poor fish is fried before it even gets close to the river, because it cannot exist within its natural capabilities outside of its natural habitat. And so truth within reality is what it is, no matter what way you try to twist it.

It doesn't matter how much you believe that you won't get burned if you hold your hand on a red hot skillet. Once you touch that thing the truth of the matter will deliver you some third degree consequences, regardless of your beliefs. Because truth is absolute, it is not relative. Some may say that murder is wrong, morally. But there may be murderers out there that say that murdering is not wrong in their eyes, but rather that they are justified in ending a particular life. Or even that murdering for no reason at all is okay

because what they believe is true, because that's the way that they believe.

Somewhere along the line the truth of the matter no longer became a matter of truth. The steps to a lie begin with truth then take a tiny twist forward that brings you a little off course. Until many twisted steps forward you find yourself headed in the opposite direction that you started in, even though you're supposedly on the 'same path' that you started on.

I believe that all mankind originated from a single pair of male and female human beings, not monkeys, because a species cannot reproduce outside of its species (if you don't believe me try to raise a mule farm, with nothing but mules). So since we all came from the same ancestors, we're all relatives, right? Not according to our DNA. Our DNA says we have no blood relation. Somewhere along the line our relations split so far apart they had to start calling themselves by different names.

How does all this relate? You can no longer call it "truth" if it is full of lies. Somewhere along the line people's beliefs strayed from truth, because they loved their opinions more than they loved truth. And they all did what was right in their own eyes. The truth is that the devil disguises himself as an angel of light and has blinded mankind's eyes, until mankind called darkness light and light darkness. Because he took the truth, twisted it and deceived us into thinking that God's truth should be more like what we think truth should be. That we're all right and it doesn't really matter whatever else anyone

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PNC Forms Partnership with Sinai Forum

By Lyndsie Daikhi

PNC and the Sinai Forum joined in a partnership to ensure the services of the forum for future generations. Beginning this season the forum will officially be named "The Sinai Forum Presented by Purdue University North Central".

"For more than a half century, the Forum has provided this community with the very finest programming available anywhere in the country. This agreement represents a major step in ensuring that the Forum will be around for another half century," stated Forum Executive Director Wendy Levenfeld. "The Forum's long-standing community and business support, through donations and ticket sales, will continue to be imperative to continuing to bring the high quality speakers the Forum audience has come to expect and deserve."

All PNC students are invited to attend all the Sinai Forum events; free tickets are available in the Chancellor's Office. The Sinai Forum events are held at Elston Middle School in Michigan City at 317 Detroit Street.

The first speaker for the Sinai Forum's 53rd season was Bob Woodward, the critically acclaimed journalist, who along with Carl Bernstein, uncovered the

Watergate scandal.

Woodward has written three books about the current Bush administration, the war in Iraq and the government's response to September 11, 2001.

During the forum, Woodward spoke about his newest book, *State of Denial* and its impact that it might have on the US. Woodward also told how he gathered all the material to create such a book.

"I interviewed the president for three days. It took a long time to actually arrange the interview, after trying numerous times I was finally contacted and asked if I would still write the book (*Bush at War*) if I was not able to interview Bush. I said yes, I was still going to write the book, the next day I was offered the interview," said Woodward.

Woodward also stated that the war in Iraq has been a defining moment in not only in public opinion of politics in America but also in the United States foreign policies.

The second speaker of this season's forum was journalist Carol Marin. Marin began her career in Chicago in 1978 as a reporter for WMAQ-TV. At WMAQ, Marin became synonymous with persistent journalism focused on political aspects of Chicago.

After much controversy, when Jerry Springer joined the WMAQ newscast, Marin left WMAQ and joined

WBBM-TV. At WBBM Marin worked on numerous shows including: 60 Minutes, 60 Minutes II, The Evening Show with Dan Rather and 48 Hours.

Then in 2003, Marin left WBBM and became a political columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*. In 2004, Marin rejoined WMAQ as an investigative reporter and as a columnist for the *Chicago Sun Times*.

During her speech Marin spoke on several topics.

When asked about the future of journalism she said, "The future of journalism is questionable. Newspapers nowadays are not just in print. Journalists have to be adaptable to each and every situation. Journalism is a quickly changing career. However, blogs scare me a great deal; they can look so good that a person will believe that it is real news. In the future people will have to be more critical when reading, watching or listening to their daily news"

To students thinking about journalism as a career, Marin had this to say, "To be a journalist one has to read the newspapers and watch the news. When one becomes a journalist they have to give up a lot of things. To be objective and unbiased, a journalist cannot belong to any civic organization and many other sacrifices must be made to remain interest free."

"Also, a journalist should have a back up plan; a student should major in something like politics and minor in journalism."

Marin has numerous ideas for ways to involve youth in the country.

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Book Review

By Jessica Ring



Ayn Rand, author of the infamous and best-selling *Atlas Shrugged*, wrote her first novel on "Objectivism" in 1943. That novel is *The Fountainhead*, and it is still one of the most widely read modern classics in the world. Superficially, *The Fountainhead* is a novel about a struggling architect named Howard Roark, his torrid romance with a socialite named Dominique Francon, and his rivalry with a rising star called Peter Keating. However, even a cursory glance at the book as a whole reveals candid themes of good versus evil, the importance of self-sufficiency, and the dangers of fascism.

Rand intertwines these themes with an amazing sense of subtlety, so much so that she avoids a self-aggrandizing or condescending tone completely, as is sometimes seen in philosophical novels. In fact, the story is strong enough to interest the casual reader. Her writing mandates the audience to engage into intellectual thought, or at least to reexamine the self.

Music Review

By Trelaina Sibbo

Welsh singer Jem began her career when she at the age of 13. She finished school and attended Sussex University before pursuing her career, and mostly did behind-the-scenes work before deciding it was her turn to be in the spotlight in 1999.

Jem began moving around, and worked with other writers/producers. Jem has worked with Guy Sigsworth, Geology, and others. The television show *The O.C.* used several of Jem's tracks in its first season. Her music was on the *Ultraviolet* trailer. KCRW 89.9 FM in Los Angeles had Jem on its top five played artists list before she had actually released her CD *Finally Woken*.

Her fun beats, beautiful voice, and message-laden lyrics are great. Songs such as "24," "They," and "Finally Woken" from her *Finally Woken* CD are available for downloads from yahoo.com, mp3.com, and her homepage jem-music.net.

Dr. Cohn's New Book Due to Hit Shelves

By Trelaina Sibbo

In his book *Anarchism and the Crisis of Representation: Hermeneutics, Aesthetics, Politics*, Dr. Jesse Cohn of PNC uses an anarchist perspective to link hermeneutics (the science of interpretation), aesthetics, and politics.

The book deals with the struggle of power and how it affects representation, while providing a different point of view previously used in many debates on the subjects. Dr. Cohn's research draws from previously texts, some of which he has translated himself from French.

The book, from Susquehanna University Press, is available for pre-order from websites such as yahoo.com and amazon.com. The date the book is supposed to hit the shelves is still unknown.

John Henry Sculptor

By Dan Cook

Artist John Henry's sculptures are the ideal execution of principles of tectonics and use of scale. As if erupting from inner-earth, Henry's most recent installment, *Star Pointer*, graces the open space on the Purdue North Central campus like a massive red brush stroke against the natural landscape.

John Henry breaks through the stereotypical image of the artist that we have today. Rather if you

saw him you might think he was a steel worker or factory hand and if you were to speak to him you might think he was an engineer or architect; and he is all these things and all these trades make-up his craft.

Henry explained though the heavy structures that he creates look as if they are floating

"The artist needs to have their ideas and concepts materialize"

or balancing precariously in space they are actually uncomplicated constructions based on a simple tripod.

He makes clear his mode of artistic process, "I utilize organic principles of architecture, sculpture and painting; uniting creative form with utilitarian

form."

Watching the assembly of *Star Pointer* is to study the realization of the human spirit. The



Sculptor of "Star Pointer" John Henry

work is pure expression of harmony, equilibrium and stability.

Henry's sculptures tend toward a universal translation yet they are unique and individualistic.

Yet he does not work alone.

He said that he employs 25 people in his Chattanooga,

Tennessee work space. It is a group effort to construct these immense works of art he explained.

Henry made clear that art of this scale is a business but to do this work one must still be adept at basic artist techniques.

He spoke very critically of the state of the visual arts today and the lack of craft he sees in the contemporary art scene.

"A violinist needs to know how to play the violin to be considered a musician; why is it any different for a visual artist?" he questioned.

"The artist needs to have their ideas and concepts materialize - this is art - mastery of materials, or even just forms; one does not have to know how to draw the perfect human likeness but an artist needs to have expertise in artful expression and practices to have a real impact."

Indeed his art has an impact on the landscape and the

space in which it is constructed on the Purdue North Central campus.

John Henry's work can be seen all over the world. He currently has sculptures in Chicago on Michigan Avenue and at Cermak Road and Calumet Avenue where the street was named "John Henry Way" to honor his contributions to the architectural landscape of the city.



John Henry hoisting up his sculpture.

Stages of Development "Star Pointer" by John Henry

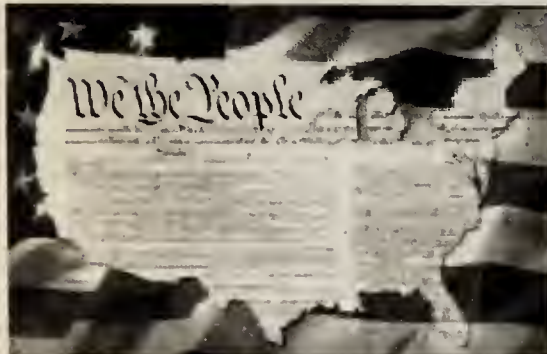


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Constitution Day



Chocola Visits PNC

By Lyndsie Daikhi

A new federal law creating a Citizenship Day to be observed in any school that receives federal funding went into effect this year. As part of Purdue University North Central's tribute to the federal observance of Constitution Day Indiana Congressman Chris Chocola visited PNC. Congressman Chocola had breakfast with several students, faculty members and various people from the community.

After the breakfast, Chocola proceeded to speak about the importance of the United States Constitution. According to Chocola, the US Constitution has been the blueprint that has shaped many other nations constitutions.

Chocola explained the reasons why our national constitution was so effective in comparison with other democracies such as Iraq or Afghanistan. He stated that our Constitution set a precedent and established basic liberties and rights for all mankind.

After paying homage to the Constitution, Chocola opened the floor to questions from the audience.

However there were a few subjects that Chocola would not discuss, "There are two things that I will not talk about, time

zones or toll roads."

On the subject of higher education, Chocola said, "Education is the most important tool. Students who attain a higher education create competition."

Chocola encouraged students to pursue degrees in math and science which would help the country to gain power and maintain competition in world markets.

Chocola also agrees with voucher programs for students and schools because, "competition is created. Also, opponents should focus on the children and not on the system."

When asked about the economy Chocola had this to say:

"The current economy is strong and is continuously growing. We have a 4.7% unemployment rate, which is good."

Other points of interest of the audience included the

"Voting is one of the most important rights given to American citizens."

audience trying to find out what were Chocola's thoughts on the hot button issues such as national security, capital punishment and gun rights under the 2nd Amendment.

Chocola said that he supports the Patriot Act and surveillance on suspected terrorists. Chocola believes that to protect our nation Americans must do all that is necessary, so that there is not another terrorist attack against the United States.

Chocola also supports the right of citizens to bare arms and he also agrees with capital

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Discussion Panel Details Constitutional Roles

By April Hodge

Professor John Swarts presented the Constitution Day panel discussion that addressed constitutional issues and controversies in a time of global crisis. This panel was then followed by an open question/discussion period for the audience.

The panel consisted of Professor Beryle Burgwald and Dr. John Lewis. Burgwald and Lewis are celebrated teachers with expertise in constitutional issues. They discussed the role that the Constitution plays within the federal government and the office of the presidency. They also addressed different interpretations of the Constitution considering the power of the executive office and the system of checks and balances among the three branches of the U.S. government.

Burgwald is a current faculty member at PNC. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Valparaiso University and has numerous articles published in law journals discussing constitutional issues.

Lewis is a professor emeritus from Indiana

University South Bend. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Oxford and his Ph.D. from Cornell. His teaching career at IUSB ran from 1973 until last year.

Burgwald began the discussion with the interesting fact that the U.S. Constitution is now 219 years-old and is "the oldest in the world today that is still in continuous operation." He addressed concerns about which government branch would be in charge of the

"...a court that legislates...that's not their duty."

- Professor Burgwald

Constitution for the years to come. He pointed out the theory that the founding fathers intended for certain branches to have more power over other branches when issues of the Constitution arose. Congress, the legislative branch, would have the most power because they are the ones to initiate amendments. The court systems, the judiciary branch, would have the next amount of authority over the Constitution due to the fact that it is the system that interprets it when controversies

arise. The last branch and the one that should have the least power, according to this theory, is the executive branch.

Lewis expanded the topic that Burgwald addressed, but with a bit of a twist. He approached his turn in discussion about how the president himself views his role. This view is defined as a unitary executive role and with that definition Lewis states it brings "a lot of debate and criticism." He went on to say that within this definition, all executive power is given

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Dr. Lewis (left), Professor Swarts (center) & Professor Burgwald (right) discuss Constitutional roles of our government.

PNC Student Interns for Senator Lugar

By April Hodge

Chuck Delak, a student at PNC, spent the past summer as an intern with U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, (R) In. Always interested in politics, Delak had met Celina Weatherwax, a PNC alum, at the 2006 Student Support Services (SSS) Recognition Reception ceremony. When he found out she worked for Sen. Lugar, Delak jumped at the chance to ask her how to get a job in politics. A little over a week later, Delak was working in Sen. Lugar's Indiana office.

Delak did various things around the office, including supervising a job fair booth at the Radisson in Merrillville, IN. It was there that he met both of Indiana's U.S. Senators, Lugar and Birch Bayh. The most important part of Delak's internship was recording the histories of war veterans. He

personally interviewed more than twenty veterans mainly from WWII.

A story that sticks out in his mind was the second interview that he conducted. Delak stated that this particular war



veteran brought the three Purple Hearts he had been awarded. Delak was able to hold them. Delak inquired why the man had received three Purple

Hearts. The gentleman told him that his arm had been blown off by a bazooka. His arm was found and reattached. This war veteran proudly showed Delak his scars. Two weeks later, Delak was informed that this WWII veteran had passed away. Many more war veterans have told their stories, to hear these stories visit the Library of Congress website. As an interviewer, Delak's voice is recorded among them.

In recalling his internship experience, Delak stated, "It was fun. It was a blast." Reflecting about the stories of the war veterans, he remarked that a lot of times he passes elderly people and forgets that they have a history; that they are a part of our lives.

Chuck Delak suffers from spina bifida, a disabling birth defect that affects the spine and brain. He is currently writing a

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Halloween Party

The Children's Halloween Party, sponsored by the Dean's Leadership Group will be held on October 26th in LSF 144 from 6-8 p.m. This event is open to the children & grandchildren of all PNC students, faculty, & staff.

There will be games, activities, and candy for all to enjoy. Join us for an evening of fun and excitement. If you need further information or would like to volunteer to work the event, contact LouAnn Ramsey (event chairperson) at lramse00@pnc.edu

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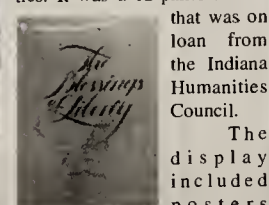
The 2006 3rd Annual Panther Pounce 5K Run and Walk to raise funds for athletic scholarships is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, at the PNC Campus.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 9 a.m. This year's cross country race includes 15 different runner's age groups with male and female divisions, and walkers are welcome to participate. Medallions will be awarded to the female and male winners in each age group. Trophies will be awarded to the top overall men's and women's runners. The fastest female and male walkers will also receive an award.

The entry fee is \$20 if pre-registered by October 27, which includes an event t-shirt. For those who register the day of the race, registration will be \$20 without a t-shirt. There is a discount rate of \$15 for groups of 5 or more runners/walkers pre-registering together (includes t-shirt). For more information, contact Race Director, John Weber, at (219) 785-5273 or jweber@pnc.edu.

Indiana Humanities Display

The Blessings of Liberty was on display in LSF 144 during the week of Sept. 18 for the Constitution Day activities. It was a 12-panel exhibit that was on loan from the Indiana Humanities Council.



The display included posters titled The Blessings of Liberty; The Articles of Confederation; A 'Less Perfect' Union; The Constitutional Convention; The Founder's Achievement; The Anti-Federalist Argument Ratification; The Bill of Rights; A City Plan for the Constitution; The Principle of Federalism; The Supreme Law of the Land; To Ourselves and Our Posterity.

Jane Austen Society of North America 2007 Essay Contest

Students interested in the life and works of Jane Austen are encouraged to enter the Jane Austen Society of North America's Essay Contest. This annual contest is open to students world-wide at the high school through post-graduate levels of study. Entrants must be enrolled at least part-time in coursework during one or more semesters/quarters of the contest year. (Part-time is defined as a minimum of six (6) credit hours for undergraduates and three (3) credit hours for graduate students.)

In a 6-8 page essay, students must address ONE of the two 2007 Essay Questions below:

1) Emma is often identified as a forerunner of mystery novels because of the clues and revelations it contains, among them Jane Fairfax's secret engagement to Frank Churchill and Mr. Knightley's long-unadmitted love for Emma. In addition to these crucial discoveries, this novel resolves a number of more minor mysteries (e.g. Harriet's parentage and Frank's trip to London for a haircut). Analyze the effect of one or more "minor mysteries" in Emma. Secrets that, in your view, Austen doesn't fully explain may be the most rewarding to explore.

2) The novel Emma takes place entirely in the quiet village of Highbury, among settled country neighbors; readers might naturally expect to find descriptions of "safety" and "security" throughout the narrative. Surprisingly, events and emotions featuring "danger,"

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Students of COM 491A Present...

PNC students presented a program entitled "Let Freedom Ring" as part of the Constitution Day activities, held (date), on the PNC campus. Under the direction of Dr. Daniel L. Padberg students in Communication 491A Oral Interpretation II joined with other members of the PNC community to recognize and honor the U.S. military services per-

sonnel who have fought and died protecting the freedoms guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution. The program included a collage of literature, music and historical narratives that emphasized the program's theme. Participants were Nicholas Alfano, Hobart; Matthew C. Arbor, Chesterton; Darrell W. Dominic, Portage; Jenna Hale, Valparaiso; Anna Ladd, Valparaiso; Sara L. Steigely, LaPorte; Veronica Zahn, Michigan City, and Padberg. Ruth Ann Teague accompanied the performers on the piano.



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Active Voices

By Carl Stambaugh

Active Voices is hosting a Forum titled "The War on Terror: A Discussion of U.S. Policy and the Middle East" on November 8, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in LSF 02. The Forum is open to the public.

There will be panelist speakers including Professor Swarts & Dr. Michele Davis from PNC; Professor Nelly Van Dooren-Harder & Dr. D.A. Jeremy Telman from Valparaiso University.

The speakers will be discussing terrorism and the

war on terrorism. After the speakers there will be an open discussion along with a question and answer session.

Refreshments will be provided. All of us at Active Voices hope to see you there. We are certain this Forum will be interesting and informative.

For more information please contact Erica Maar at emaar@verizon.net or Camie Tyler at ctyler00@pnc.edu [Editor's Note: Ivan E. Bodensteiner, Professor of Law at VU & has been added to the speakers at the Active Voices terrorism forum.]



The 2006-2007 Alpha Sigma Delta Inductees Photo by Stephen J. Bensing

Immigration Forum Promotes Understanding Dialogue

By Dan Cook

PNC, along with the Race Relations Council of Northwest Indiana, hosted the first of three public forums on immigration on October 5.

Student Selena Saldivar and adjunct professor, Dr. Michele Davis were the primary organizers of the event that will continue with discussions at Valparaiso University and Indiana University Northwest in November.

The three member panel that discussed the historical aspects of immigration included Dr. Janusz Duzinkiewicz, Professor of History at PNC, Dr. Jonathan Swarts, Assistant Professor of Political Science at PNC, and Celina Weatherwax, Director, Northwest Indiana Office and Statewide Hispanic/Latino Outreach Coordinator for U.S. Senator Richard G. Lugar.

Dr. Duzinkiewicz made the thoughtful claim: "It has been said that America is a



Selena Saldivar reflects on her story.

nation of immigrants, rather it [America] is a nation of descendants of immigrants."

Celina Weatherwax enlightened many by reminding the audience that not long ago in our past the United States government invited Mexican workers to gain employment through the Bracero Program.

Dr. Swarts, also aimed to dispel the myths that are general arguments touted by anti-immigration supporters.

"These policies are nothing new; the fears and prejudices today are identical to ones trotted-out in the past," Swarts said.

Swarts claimed that the arguments against immigration such as the immigrants are a threat to American values and they drain the economy of its resources are the same rhetoric used since the 1800's by anti-immigrationists.

Swarts claimed, "We [America] has only been able to grow because of a massive immigration movement," and cited that immigrants pay taxes

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Alpha Sigma Delta Induction Ceremony

By Lauren Lockridge

Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society Kappa Delta Chapter held its 12th induction ceremony at Purdue North Central on Friday, September 29. Dean of Students John Coggins, who serves as the National Councilor for the club, welcomed all the inductees and their families.

The several presenters at

the ceremony included Officers Brenda Darrol, James West, and Stephen Bensing.

The inductees for this year were Jason Burnside, Jennifer Byrne-Stasiek, Julie Catarello, Bradley Dimmitt, Mark Gaylord, Amy Hardesty-Asher, Kori Kasten, Cindy Kuehn, Erica Maar, Brenda Patterson, Gabriela Post, Frances J. Russell, Angela Schest, Tracy Ryan Stone and Tricia A. Wiegand. The honorary

inductee was Linda Neulieb.

The Kappa Delta scholarship for \$500 was awarded to Roselyn Flitter. Member David Demmon presented Brenda Darrol with the "Member of the Year" award. Barbara Clouse, Chair of the Induction Committee, and Allana Burke, Club Advisor, were significant people in planning for the ceremony.

Have Club News?
This space could be yours!
Insert Club News Here



Alpha Sigma Delta Officers (left to right) Ginny Borolov, Steve Bensing, Brenda Darrol, and James West

Rotaract Club

Rotaract Club is a service-based club sponsored by the local Rotary Club. We do various activities throughout to improve our community. We have guest speakers at each meeting that relate to our members' majors. This year we hope to take a trip to the United Nations in New York with the Chancellor.

Meetings are held twice month on every other Tuesday in Tech 160 at 11:30 am.

Fall Semester Meeting Dates:

October 17th November 7th & 21st December 5th

Guest Speakers:

10/17 Kevin LeCavelier, President of Wells Fargo Bank in LaPorte

11/7 Christian Dougherty from The Crossing of LaPorte Hospital

11/21 Yvonne Lindborg from Kinsbury Elevator

12/5 Jason Sethre General Manager from The Herald-Argus

Please contact Vice Chancellor Joe Goepfrich at jgoepfrich@pnc.edu or club President, Crystal Delgado at cdelga00@pnc.edu if you are joining or have any questions.

Delta Sigma

Delta Sigma will be having a Pre-Order Plant Sale. The plants that will be sold are from PNC's own green house.

There will be variety of plants sold. Peanut Cactus is just one type of plant that will be sold.

Contact a club officer if you are interested in purchasing a plant(s) or for more information.

Also, look for flyers that will be posted around campus for additional information.

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Brownbag Series

Looks at Diversity

The seminars will be presented from noon to 1 p.m., usually in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 144 They are free and open to the public.

The next brownbag seminar will be Thursday, Oct. 19 in LSF 02 with Cynthia Hedge. She will discuss issues concerning class, race and gender.

Nov 16 - Rosa Rivera-Hainaj "Diversity in the Physical Sciences: An Overall Perspective," a talk about her work to broaden the opportunities in science

Jan. 15 - Janelle Irving "Obscured Perception: Beguiled By What We See" as part of the Martin Luther King Day events.

Feb 15 - Ronald Brownie "Diversity Bingo."

March 15 - Jodi James "Mrs. James Takes over Washington" a grassroots movement on Washington D.C. (see article on page 2).

April 16 - Ten Tongues, featuring Cin Salach, a Chicago performance artist and gay and lesbian rights activist, will present a performance poetry and workshop on the Plaza in front of the Library-Student-Faculty Building.

The performance is sponsored by the student organization OutLoud.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Mellin at 219-785-5200, ext. 5215. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact ext. 5215.

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Active Voices

"Didja Know...?"

Eastport Early Learning Center Michigan City Area Schools

Eastport Early Learning Center: A New Addition to Michigan City Area Schools

By Camie Tyler

In May 2006 it was decided that there needed to be a program for young children to prepare them for kindergarten. The need was great, because about 25% of the incoming kindergarteners did not know shapes, colors, or had ever really held a book.

Eastport used to be an elementary school and then was an alternative high school, but it sat empty for three years before the school district decided to use it for the early learning center. The school opened at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year and they are growing every day. As of October 5, 2006, they had

308 students enrolled at Eastport and approximately 117 more at satellite campuses.

Any three or four year-old can go to this school as long as they are part of the Michigan City school district. All classes meet five days a week and there are two sessions, morning (9:10am-12:05pm) and afternoon (1:10pm-4:05pm). Transportation is provided to and from school every day. Most important, there is no cost to the parents.

The school curriculum is based around literacy. There is a certified teacher in every class and a 1:10 teacher/student ratio. This means that each child gets more interaction with the teachers.

The children are encouraged throughout the day to read books. Students are read a minimum of five books a day to help build their vocabulary and to expose them to a variety of reading materials.

They also emphasize math, and analytical skills such

as counting, sorting, classifying, and comparing. They learn time and measurement as well as finding patterns and relationships.

The school is also putting together a family resource room. They are not there just for the children who participate in the program, but for their families as well. The school has started "operation book bag" which is for parents who cannot afford to buy the older children in the family school supplies. The school works with bilingual children and children of all ethnic backgrounds and cultures.

Active Voices is in the planning stages of organizing a collection of items for them within the next few weeks to help the children of Michigan City to succeed. Keep a lookout for collection boxes and emails about specific items that they need. If anyone wants more information about the school, call (219)873-2149.

Hungry?

Keith Peffers is looking for new and fresh ideas for new food items to start making and selling in the Galleria Café. If you have any suggestions please email Keith Peffers at kpeffers@pnc.edu He would greatly appreciate it.

Student Government Association

The SGA meets every Friday at 3 p.m. in LSF 214. All are welcome to attend.

Spanish Club

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 1 p.m. & Monday, Oct. 30 at 4 p.m in LSF 60

TRiO Club Announcement

November 20-21 Clothing Drive
November 23 Flowers for Meals on Wheels & Anarbor with Drifting Dunes Girl Scouts Service Unit #16
December 8 Toy Shop
December 10 Study Day
January 29 Task of Diversity
February 13-14 Valentine Carnations
April 26 Mr. PNC

Purdue North Cent



Times Are A'Changin

By Megan Marrs

We are in the middle of a historic campus plan. This plan is panning its way to the beautiful vision that for over the past decade a few key men and women have carefully designed.

PNC is in the middle of an academic and architectural evolution with the seed work planted by former Chancellor Dale Alspaugh. When Alspaugh was Chancellor, one of his main crusades was the autonomy of PNC from West Lafayette. This exciting day finally came February 3, 2006, with Chancellor James B. Dworkin now pushing for the expansion and success of the campus.

What autonomy for PNC means is that the administration at this campus may make decisions for academic departments as well as the entire campus

without needing consent from the main campus officials. Additionally, students who attend PNC will reap the benefits of the Purdue University name and tradition, but keep the commuter-campus feel.

Though PNC has autonomy, "Maintaining a strong relationship with West Lafayette is critical," stated Interim Vice Chancellor D. George Asteriadis in *The Dialogue*.

"The average student won't notice the difference; they'll still get their diploma that will say Purdue University on it. Where it makes a big difference is in the minds of the faculty," affirmed Dworkin in an article published in *The Dialogue*.

Now that PNC has autonomy, administration can also hire faculty based on their own requirements ensuring that they will be focused 100% on students learning. Furthermore, the faculty added in recent years is focused on academic research. This focus compliments their

roles as educators.

As the academic options advance, the age range of students also grows. In the past, most students were in their mid to late twenties and received associate degrees. Now that more majors are offered there are many more full time stu-

dent within 6 years.

"That's a steep challenge, but it can be done" reported Lawrence Barrett, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Services (*The Dialogue*). Not only are the academic options evolving, but so is the actual

We are in the midst of an exciting time. Expansion is currently in phase 1 of 3.

dents in their late teens and early twenties, but still average around 25 years of age.

Chancellor Dworkin added that this past graduation was, "the third year in a row that we've awarded more baccalaureate degrees than associate degrees" (*The Dialogue*).

Enrollment numbers are hoping to exceed 5000 students

campus.

The master campus plan has many goals which include: creating a symbolic center on campus, maintaining a rural setting, maintain a clean, safe environment, reinforce the image of a high-quality institution by unifying physical characteristics, connect PNC-owned properties on the east

and west sides of U.S. Hwy. 421, define the "front door" image of the campus improving access and visual connectivity to all parts of the campus, becoming an educational/cultural center for the greater North Central Indiana community and many others.

As soon as enrollment hits the right number, student dormitories will go up on campus. The architectural planners want to ensure that the wildlife rural atmosphere stays in tact.

"When the student housing is built, it will be like living in a park," stated Steve Turner, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Physical Facilities and Auxiliary Services. He jokingly added "P.U.N.C. stands for Purdue University's Nicest Campus."

We are in the midst of an exciting time. Plans for the campus layout include research facilities, additional classroom buildings, parking facilities, hotel/convention center and a student center.

A main goal of the structuring of buildings is to keep PNC as a pedestrian campus while allowing the natural forestry surrounding to stay in tact.

Expansion is currently in phase 1 of 3. Once student enrollment exceeds 5000 students there will be many more parking garages, and 3 new academic buildings.

Even though there is a campus and academic evolution, the administration of PNC has stated that they will not lose the sense of a commuter campus and they will strive to maintain strong relationships with all of the students on campus.

For further information please see *The Dialogue*, as well as PUNC Campus Master Plan Executive Summary.
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ral Master Plan



Purdue University North Central Master Plan

Phase Three
February 2005

New Parking

New Academic Building

New Residential Building

Panthers V-ball

Panthers come close vs. Robert Morris College

In a cut-throat battle between Robert Morris College and PNC's first year Panthers inaugural volleyball club, Carrie Pagose led the RMU Eagles to a 30-17, 30-32, 30-17, 30-28, 15-7 victory. For the Panthers, Angela Edwards had 35 assists; Sam Svetic 14 kills, 6 blocks; Sunshine Johns 12 kills, 9 digs; Ashley Morford 5 kills and 10 digs.

"This was a good match for us in building confidence. It was also good in providing feedback to our coaches and players. We were focused and aggressive, and when attacking the ball we had periods of domination. On the other hand when we lost focus, got out of position defensively and failed to have the setter and hitters on the same page, we were nearly helpless," stated PNC coach Jim Clark.

Though this club is in its first year, many fans have turned out for the matches to show support and cheer on the PNC women.

"We certainly appreciated the big fan turnout. The support from other PNC athletes was above and beyond for our big match vs. Robert Morris College. Their support gave us a home court advantage that helped take a good RMU team to 5 games after having lost to them in 3 games just 1 week ago in Chicago," stated Clark.

The Panther roster includes: Dana Barkas, Felicia Fisher, Sunshine Johns, Daisy Lee, Amanda Martin, Ashley Morford, Samantha Svetic, Angela Edwards and Coach John Higgins.

The Panthers have a 4-9



Number 11 Samantha Svetic with Ashley Morford 8, Angela Edwards 1, and another teammate in action.

"The support from other PNC athletes was above and beyond for our big match vs. Robert Morris College" — Coach Jim Clark

Indiana Northwest Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.

Season wins were recorded against Prairie State Community College on Sept. 16, the Indiana University Northwest Club on Sept. 12, Blackhawk East Community College at the College of DuPage Invitational Tournament, Sept. 9, and again over Prairie State on Sept. 5.

Since opening its first season at the Concordia College Invitational at Ann Arbor, Mich., where it lost to eventual-tourney-champion Concordia, the PNC women's volleyball club has demonstrated that it can be competitive with more established varsity teams.

record as they go into a Purdue University Club Tournament in West Lafayette. Their last game of the season is at home against

Panthers Basketball Preview

By Eric Wozniak

Our PNC Panther basketball team has reasons to be optimistic this year.

Coming off of last year's season, the Panthers definitely had some hardships. Winning 10 of 21 total games, losing Adam Dobrzniecki to injury in a crucial part of the season, are some of the disappointments the team went through. But there were historical accomplishments that nearly offset the shortcomings.

For one, the Panthers showed their resiliency after losing Dobrzniecki, who was Conference Player of the Year, Honorable Mention All American, and a top point scorer, by winning their first ever post-season tournament in school history, despite his absence.

The Panther's also picked

up two conference wins against Judson and Calumet College, both tough teams in the CCAC.

Last year the Panthers defense stole the ball 334 times, compared to their opponents 316. This topped the CCAC conference in steals per team.

It is clear that the Panthers basketball team knows how to deal with having their backs against

the wall. That is a good quality for a team, especially a team which is in its formative years.

Another reason for hope is seeing all of the returning veterans come back. Last year the Panthers had a solid offensive battery. A

hardy mix of 3-point shooting by Nate Mrozinski, Andre Jones' defensive capabilities to get the



Panther basketball team come together preseason pep talk from the coaches

Golf Club Wraps-Up Fall Season

By Dan Cook

The eleven member PNC Golf Club ended the season September 25 on a sweet note taking down the Goshen College Maple Leafs at Briar Ridge Golf Course.

The Panthers' 375 to 392 win exacted due revenge for a slim 7-stroke loss to the Leafs earlier in the month.

The individual medalist PNC's Jon Lofberg brought in a 86 on his card shooting a 42-44 followed close behind by John Selman's 45-43 --- 88.

Goshen seasoned senior, Joel Kaufmann, followed far behind PNC's top players ending the match with a 46-47 --- 93. The Leafs' attributed their loss to a deceptively difficult PNC home course and soggy grounds conditions.

Panthers were Chris Cappello, 46-48 --- 94, Troy Jackson, 60-60 --- 120, and Tim Kucharski, 59-48 --- 107.

combined with team point leader Terry Polk, led to the establishment of a squad to be reckoned with. Conjoining all these abilities is head Coach Grayling Gordon.

The good news is Mrzinski, Polk, and Jones are all coming back for the 2006-2007 season. What adds even more excitement for this volatile line-up of returners, is Dobrzniecki's comeback.

Having all four of the top scoring Panthers coming back is something to build confidence on. Each of these players averaged .400 shooting percentage or higher, and helped institute a highly respectable defense.

Preseason Basketball Dinner

By Tom Starnes

Lindo's in Michigan City

was the center of attention for the Panthers Basketball team on Sept. 29. Coach Grayling Gordon, who is now entering his fifth year as the head coach, opened his meeting with a quote: "Every time you compete, you're going to war!"

The first part of the meeting was nothing more than a 'rules and regulations' run through, informing the players of the requirements they must fulfill to compete in this upcoming season. For example, like any other athlete for PNC, they must keep their grades and attendance at a certain level. After the legalities were out of the way, Coach Gordon got to the more important part of the meeting.

Last year, the Panthers had a 7-25 record. Marred by injuries, last year was not a glamorous year for the PNC Panthers basketball team. But as for this year, Coach Gordon has high hopes. He feels that not only does this year's team have a strong inside game, but they also have good shooters on the

outside, and this year's team seems to be more athletic.

The main fear that Coach Gordon has for this year is whether or not the team will form a good chemistry with each other. If the team is able to come together and play well, then they will have much better season this year. It all boils down to how well they cope

fear, plays only to the extent of his handicap, and does not know himself, then he will fail and pull the rest of the team down with him.

The entire team has high hopes for this upcoming season, like any other team would. However, for some reason, this year's team seems to have a much

better feel to it. It looks like the 2007 Panthers have more confidence, and they look forward to representing PNC. Their first opportunity to do so is Nov. 1

against Purdue Calumet and the Kettle Classic. It is PNC vs. IUN in Hammond.

For those who are limited distance-wise, the Panther's first home game is Nov. 7 at the Scholl Center at Marquette High School in Michigan City vs. Grace College.

Good luck Panthers on the upcoming season!

with each other.

"Losers suck," Coach Gordon said, as he explained

"Every time you compete you're going to war!"
-Coach Gordon

his methods to the team. By losers, he means the people who cannot get over the four hurdles of success: 'I can't'; Afraid to fail; Handicaps; Know yourself. These four hurdles, as Gordon explains, are the keys to winning. If a player says he can't, if he is afraid to fail and show his



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Head Coach, Jim Clark

Associate Head, Coach John Higgins.

Athletic Director, John Weber

Athletic Dept. Secretary, Stacy O'Neal

#	Name	Year	Position	Ht.	High School/College
	Hometown				
1	Angela Edwards	Fr.	Set/OH	5'4"	Kouts/TIU
	Kouts, IN				
3	Daisy Lee	Jr.	OH, BR	5'7"	Grays Lake, IL/Lake Co. CC
	Grays Lake, IL				
4	Sunshine Johns	So.	OH,	5'8"	Mi. City Marquette/ Grace
	Mich. City				
5	Melissa McCaughey	Jr.	MH	5'10"	Westville
	Westville, IN				
7	Amanda Martin	So.	BR, Lib	5' 1/2"	Westville/Southern Indiana
	Westville, IN				
8	Ashley Morford	So.	OH, Set	5'7"	Michigan City Marquette
	Mich. City				
11	Samantha Svetic	So.	MH	6'2"	Michigan City/Vincennes U.
	Mich. City				
12	Cassandra Yaros	Sr.	OH	5'8"	Kankakee Valley/
	Wheatfield, IN				
13	Dana Barkas	Fr.	BR, Lib	5'2"	Washington Twp.
	Valparaiso				
14	Felicia Fisher	Fr.*	Opp	5'6"	Chesterton/Chesterton

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Ask Starchild



Starchild,

I have been experiencing a problem with being taken seriously due to a certain feature that I possess. You see, I am a very busy woman. I am very intelligent and active in school activities; however, I am usually treated like a sex object.

I have tried to ignore this situation hoping that it will just go away and eventually I will be seen as an intellectual woman. This hasn't happened yet and I am getting very frustrated. What can I do to change their minds?

Brains Blinded by Bust

Brains Blinded by Bust,

Get over it. Boys will be boys, as the saying goes. Next time you talk to a guy, do what I do. If they keep looking at your chest, act like Mardi gras - lift your top. Either you will get beads (cash) or a lot of drool. Be proud of your assets. Just remember one thing, while the boys are pushing mops at McDonald's, you will be an excellent Entrepreneur.

Your success will leave them in the dust and still drooling about your bust. So enjoy it.
Celestially Yours, Starchild
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Dear Starchild,

I have a major crush on one of my co-workers, "Xena." We have worked together for about a month, and she is perfect in every way! Basically, she's

my dream girl. Last week, I wrote her a letter detailing how I felt about her. I left it in her work locker. Since then, she has ignored me completely! Needless to say, Xena never brought up the letter, but she also avoids me at work and won't so much as make eye contact with me. One of her friends told me to leave her alone because she has a boyfriend, but I really, really need her to understand that we are meant to be together, Starchild!

Should I confront her about ignoring my letter, or should I let it go and wait for her to come around?
Woeful in the Workplace

Woeful in the workplace,

I have to say you have gotten yourself into quite a predicament. Before you put the letter into Xena's locker you should have waited to see if you received any sign that she liked you in that special way. By putting the letter in her locker you have already tried to push the friendship into a relationship without thinking of her feelings. Give her some space and eventually she will start talking to you again. If you do not have the patience to wait for her to come around walk up to her and confront her on this issue if this is not an option walk up and give her a kiss, if she slaps you then you will know she does not like you and if this happens think of all the money you will save on romantic dinners and presents.
No stars in hers eyes,
Starchild
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and most immigrants, with legal or illegal status, put in more than they take out of the system.

The second part of the forum was given to area immigrants to address the audience with their personal stories about immigrating to America.

PNC student, Selena Saldívar, PNC professors Dr. Deepa Majumdar, from India and Dr. Alain Togbe, from Khartoum, Sudan, and Executive Vice-President of the LaPorte Hospital Foundation, Maria Fruth, from Brazil, described the difficulties in immigrating to the United States.

Other than Selena, who is the child of Mexican immigrants, the remaining presenters described an immigrations and customs system that is very complicated to navigate.

Dr. Majumdar and Ms. Fruth both had very touching stories about the difficulties of traveling back and forth to their country of origin to visit family.

Ms. Fruth explained the 3-year process to become a U.S. citizen in which her application was lost or misplaced. Ultimately, she was aided by a local Congressman and she was able to travel safely back to Brazil to see her father in his last days.

Dr. Majumdar outlined the complexities of different types

of immigration statuses that kept her from being able to travel back to India to see family. Unfortunately during the many years of waiting to be allowed to visit her country of origin, she lost many close family.

She called on all with compassion to "be thoughtful toward the illegal who has to live in hiding," and claimed that her experiences with immigration officials in the U.S. was generally humane and sometimes humorous.

Selena, a soon to be PNC graduate, told the story of her parents that met while working as field-hands and eloped.

She quoted her mother who said, "the border moved on us," alluding to the U.S. expansion through conquest into what was once considered Mexico.

The story of her parents is typical to immigrants to the U.S. as they have always worked and stressed that she and her siblings get a college degree. Her parents came to her with the proposition, "It's college, or it's college," Selena said jokingly.

J. Allen Johnson, Executive Director of the Race Relations Council of Northwest Indiana, closed the program with the notion, "We are all together in that we are all different."

He invited all to participate in the future events and study circles sponsored by the RRCNWI to "come by a greater understanding of each other."

The next public forum in this series will be held at Valparaiso University on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. and the final forum will be at Indiana University Northwest on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. as well.

Patricia Carlisle played a major part in organizing the immigration forum.

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else (including God) may think.

All religions claim a path of truth to God. Could it be that each is only following what he wants to believe, and not following God's absolute truth? For the truth is that truth is Spirit and that Spirit of truth isn't a hypothetical theory beyond our experiential reality, but rather is so real that he entered into our existence by being made a man. Jesus said I am the way the truth and the life, and no man can get back to God but by me. If you don't believe this maybe you should try to experiment with this on your own and see if it be theory or law. No congratulations in order for those who try to make God in their image instead allowing God to make them in his image.

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and out of wheelchairs from making sure that we were heard. We held up signs that read such things as "I'd rather go to jail then die in a nursing home," we chanted things like "Our homes, not nursing homes." Then finally someone emerged from the building that we had been negotiating with and announced through the bullhorn that they would be giving us what we specifically came to ask for.

This was an amazing experience for me of empowerment, achievement and productivity. If you are interested in learning more about MiCASSA, please go to <http://www.adapt.org/casainr.htm>. I will be talking more about my experience and showing pictures in March, 2007, at the Diversity Brownbag series. Watch for more information on that in the coming months.

Happy 21st Birthday

Chris Stocker
10-19-06
Guess who?



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to the President. All of his agencies and departments answer directly to him and receive their orders directly from him. In today's society, the claim of unitary control in the executive branch appears more palpable today because of the existence of the Executive Office of the President (a.k.a. The White House Staff).

Also according to Lewis' discussion, former presidents Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Nixon were also criticized for exercising or concentrating decisions in the White House instead of allowing the departments and agencies to make the decisions and then bring them to the White House. Lewis did comment that in order for our government to work, no one branch can have all the power. There must be discussion and debate among the branches.

Afterwards, questions and comments about the discussion were addressed by the audience that covered subjects such as the role of our government in international affairs, the role that lobbyists play in influencing government representatives, and others.

Sinai cont'd. from Page 3

"This nation's youth has lost the capacity for outrage. If I was able to make a law I would make a law that upon a person's 18th birthday would sign up to serve the country, either in the army or some other organization. The youth of today need to learn to go out and ask who is in charge to make changes in the country."

Marin had fantastic advice to give to all people who either read or do not read the news everyday.

"When a person reads the news paper they need to realize that the newspaper business is exactly that, it is a business. Newspapers cannot be taken as the gospel."

The next Sinai Forum will be held on October 22, 2006. The featured speaker will be Professor Henry Pollack. Professor Pollack will speak about global warming and the effects that it will have on public policy.

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"pain," and "risk" actually occur more frequently in the novel. Discuss the ways in which a character or characters from Emma pose danger to each other, avoiding the obvious (Emma's relationship to Harriet Smith, for example) in favor of the unexpected. [Note: For the second question, consulting a concordance, a count of how often a particular word appears in a work, may prove useful. You might want to consult a hypertext version by Mitsuharu Matsuoka or another concordance by Maggie Sullivan which provides word counts by chapter.]

Suggestions for writing: The judges value original insights and clear, correct writing. Essays should be directed to a well-informed general audience of JASNA members rather than to a strictly academic audience. Essays should be based primarily on the students' own observations, with adequate support from the Jane Austen work(s) under discussion. Students may use outside research to support their work but should avoid academic terminology unless terms are clearly defined in the body of the essay. Since JASNA members are very familiar with Jane Austen's works, plot summary is unnecessary.

Contest judging is done anonymously, so all personal information about students, schools, and mentors should appear ONLY on the entry form. The title of the essay should appear on the first page, with page numbers only on subsequent pages. Reading previous winning essays will give entrants a very good idea of the type of essays JASNA is seeking.

Corrections

Despite our best efforts *The Voice* occasionally makes errors. In the event of an error, corrections will be made in the next issue after notification.

Chocola cont'd. from 4

punishment.

With the upcoming local elections Chocola also urged students to get out and vote.

Chocola said, "Voting is one of the most important rights given to American citizens. If you do not vote then you have to no reason to complain about policies and the economy. I say that people should have voting parties where a group of people go out and vote together. I also want every young adult to know that their vote counts. Seventy percent of eligible voters in Iraq are going out and voting even though they are being threatened. It is the duty of every American to vote."

Constitution cont'd.

one they wish present at a meeting, and anyone can request to be present at a committee meeting; they may not always be invited, but they have the right to request to be present."

Lehmann added that most committees of concern such as the Fine Arts, Convocations & Events Committee, Grade Appeals Committee, Parking Committee, Scholarship Committee, Student Service Fee Committee, and Campus Appeals Board would not be affected by a change in the Faculty Constitution or the Faculty Senate Bylaws.

The proposed Faculty Constitution must first pass through a vote by Faculty Senate. If agreed upon, the Senate will give its recommendation to the full eligible faculty that will require a two-thirds majority to pass on to the Purdue University Board of Trustees for final approval.

According to Dr. Lehmann the next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled on November 9-10 at the Purdue West Lafayette Campus.

Have a problem that you need solved? E-mail it to ask_starchild@yahoo.com

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Who Is on the Ballot?

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Brownbag Series Looks at Diversity

PNC will present a Brownbag Series in the coming months, with PNC faculty, staff and community members leading programs that center on the topic of "diversity."

The seminars will vary in style and subject, but all will share the intent of presenting topics and issues that can contribute to the development of tolerant, inclusive campus and community cultural practices.

Some presenters will feature short film clips or interactive pieces that will stimulate conversation and discussion; others will present ideas for open dialogue and sharing of views and experiences.

The seminars will be presented from noon to 1 p.m., usually in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 144. They are free and open to the public. Varying opinions are welcome.

The next brownbag seminar will be Thursday, Oct. 19 with a presentation by Cynthia Hedge, president and cofounder of the nonprofit Center for Creative Solutions, Inc., in Michigan City.

She will discuss the goals of creative problem solving and creative leadership, helping people think through solutions to issues concerning class, race and gender.

These upcoming Brownbag Series will meet in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02. Other seminars will include:

Nov 16 - Rosa Rivera-

Hainaj, PNC assistant professor of Chemistry who is originally from Puerto Rico, will present, "Diversity in the Physical Sciences: An Overall Perspective," a talk about her work to broaden the opportunities in science.

Jan. 15 - Janell Irving, PNC grants

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Feb 15 - Ronald

Brownie, PNC assistant professor of Organizational Leadership and Supervision, will conduct a workshop titled, "Diversity Bingo."

March 15 - Jodi James, PNC disability services coordinator, will present, "Mrs. James Takes over Washington" and discuss her week-long experience in Washington D.C. with a grassroots organization to further the rights of people with disabilities.

April 16 - Ten Tongues, featuring Cin Salach, a Chicago performance artist and gay and lesbian rights activist, will present a performance poetry and workshop on the Plaza in front of the Library-Student-Faculty Building. The performance is sponsored by the student organization OutLoud.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Mellin at 219-785-5200, ext. 5215. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact ext. 5215.

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U.S. Voting Patterns

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Voting is the most important and useful right that is given to the citizens of the United States. However, some people, especially college students, do not exercise this right. There are numerous reasons why a person votes or not.

1960 had the highest voter turnout in a general election at 62.8%. In 1996, the voter turnout was only 49%.

Even though there were an extra 5 million eligible voters in the 1996 election there was a 10 million vote

drop compared with the 1992 election.

In the United States, there are numerous socioeconomic factors that relate to the voting patterns. First, minority groups are less likely to vote than non minority groups. For example, in 1996 there was an increase in the black vote from 8% in 1992 to 10% in 1996.

Another factor that determines whether a person votes or not is the education level of that person; the more educated the voter is then the more likely that person is to vote. In 1980, 80% of college educated adults voted, 59% of those with four years of high school voted and 43% of those with a grade school education voted.

Also, the income of a person is related to a person's voting statistics. One is far more likely to vote if they have a larger income. People with lower income are less likely to have the opportunity and the means

to vote. People who are in the lower income bracket would also be less likely to be concerned about the outcome of a political election.

College students are less likely to vote than elderly people. Of college students

Studies say that 45% of college students are registered to vote. Are you?

who are registered to vote, between the ages of 18 and 24, 32% of those vote. As of 2000, 45% of college students are registered to vote. The most obvious reasons that college students do not vote is because they do not have time or they do not put forth the effort.

Married people are more likely to vote than single people. In the 2004 election, 62%

of single women voted for Kerry and 55% of married women voted for Bush.

These general gaps are evident in all age groups. This evidence suggests that marital status is even more pertinent to the voting patterns than any other socioeconomic factor.

Besides the socioeconomic factors, people do not vote because of voter fatigue. Voter fatigue occurs when there are many elections in close succession. In the US there is an average of one election per year, including federal and local elections.

If a person who voted feels that their vote counts and the government are going in an agreeable direction, they are more likely to vote. In addition, people do not vote because of the Electoral College in the United States. Voters in states that usually go to one party, like Indiana, see their votes as irrelevant.

Negative campaigning also has a negative effect on voter turnout. Voters, involved in elections where there is negative campaigning are less likely to vote because they become disen-

franchised.

Although voting is an important right of citizenship of Americans, less than half of eligible voters actually vote. This is an unacceptable statistic that must change so that the views of the government of the United States reflect

the views of the people.

It is up to you to make that change possible if you go out and vote in the upcoming election.

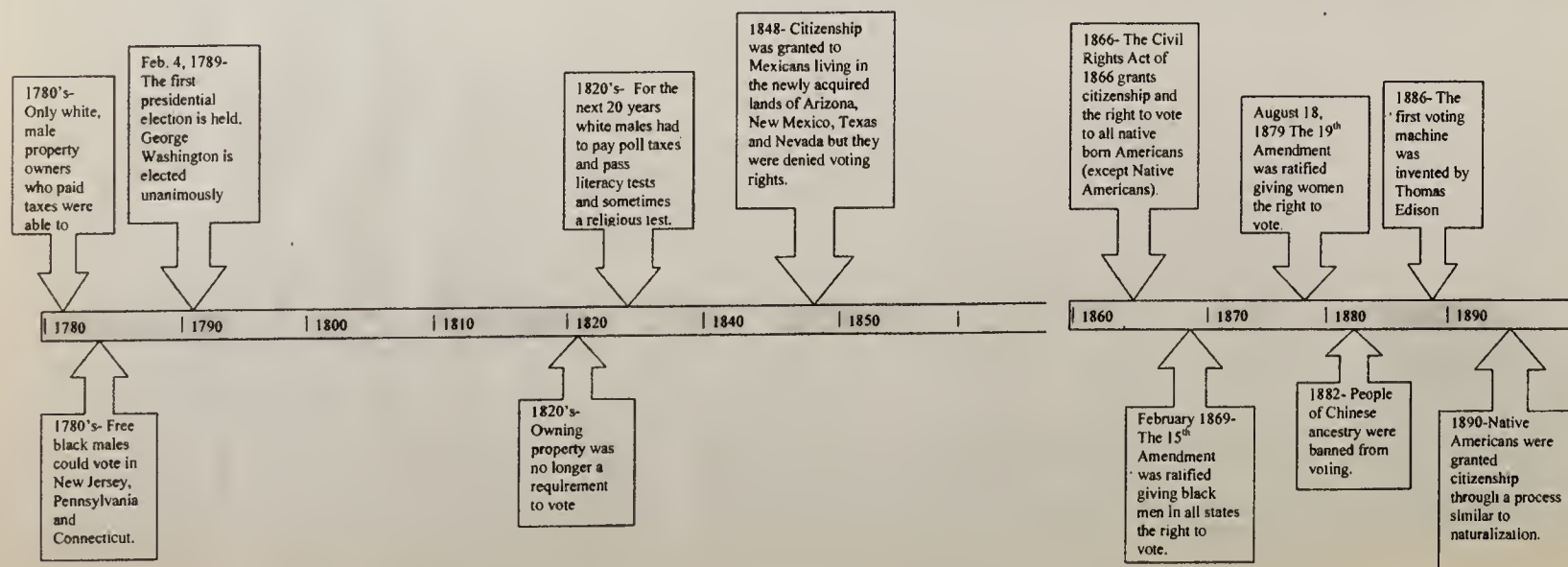
Have Your Say Before Election Day!

Indiana offers early voting so you can head to the polls before Election Day. It's a great option if you're planning to volunteer on Election Day, prefer to bypass long lines, or have a busy schedule and need the flexibility. The best part is, you don't need a special reason to vote early. You can just go vote.

In Indiana, you can vote early. Early voting start dates and sites vary by county, so check with your local election officials.

Resource: Working Assets e-mail.

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Switcheroo

Puzzles by J. Troy Tyler and Ben Nordyke

The object of the game is to change one word into another by changing one letter at a time. Each change must result in a real word. For example: cat ? dog (4)

One possible solution is:

cat
cot
cog
dog

The number in parentheses represents the number of steps to solve the puzzle, including the first and last words. See if you can complete the following in fewer steps than we did!

lead ? gold (5)	sword ? stone (4)	love ? hate (5)
find ? lost (6)	black ? white (8)	here ? gone (5)
heat ? cold (6)	more ? less (5)	nose ? eyes (8)
slow ? fast (8)		



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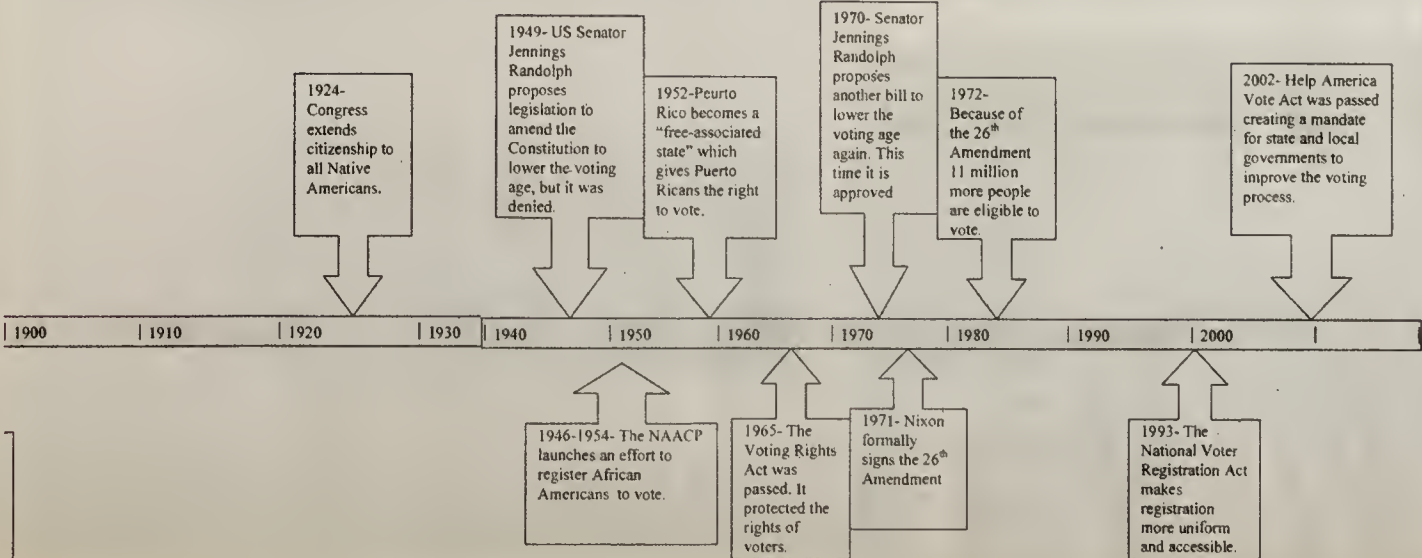


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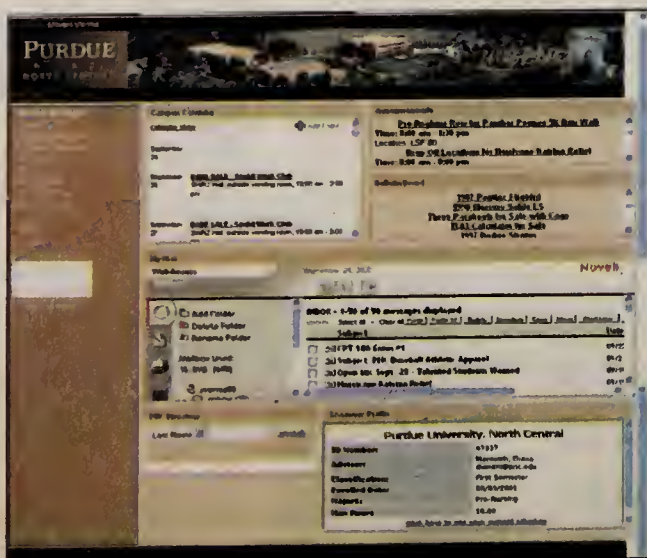
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John Henry
"Star Pointer"

The newest sculpture at Purdue North Central, Star Pointer, makes quite a presence on campus, rising an incredible 75 feet into the air. It was brought to campus from Henry's studio in Chattanooga, TN. Describing his piece, Henry states, "Americans need a reference point. What people find pleasing has to do with their own visual vocabulary, how willing they are to take in visual information. Ours is a young country, a pioneer country, still about the business of making an Impact." Henry's work "resides" on five continents. Star Pointer is the first of six new sculptures on loan that are a part of the Odyssey 2006-07 sculpture exhibit at PNC. Tours of the entire exhibit are available by contacting Judy Jacobi at (219) 785-5593 or jjacobi@pnc.edu.

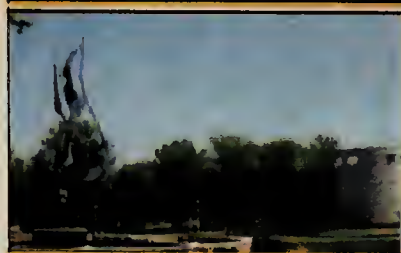


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I look in hope or fear;
But, grateful, take the good I find.
The best of now and here. -
John Greenleaf Whittier



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College of Liberal Arts Welcomes New Interim Dean

By Daniel Cook

Dr. Robert John Manning stepped in as the Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts following the resignation of Dr. Sylvia Dapia announced on Oct. 30.



Dr. Manning, professor of English and head of the Humanities Programs, served as chair of the Department of English at the University of Wales, Lampeter, for ten years before arriving at PNC.

Despite the sudden changes in the College of Liberal Arts, Manning said he has "nothing but positive feelings for the place," and feels that the transition from his last university will prove fairly easy.

He expressed, "I feel at home at Purdue North Central. The scale of the institution and student-centered approach are

similar to the University of Wales."

Dr. Manning's wife is an American. One morning over breakfast, she mentioned that she would like for them to move to the States.

"I dropped my piece of toast," he laughed, and soon afterwards, answered an advertisement to apply to PNC.

Dr. Manning brings years of university experience and an expertise in Renaissance literature to the department of Modern Languages.

He has published several books. Critical Reception of Hamlet 1850-1900 is his most recent having been released this year.

Dr. Manning's next book, *Obscenity*, is an examination of the public's fascination with obscenity through the world's great works of literature. *Obscenity* is slated for release in May 2007.

Welcome to PNC, Dr. Manning.



Children, students, faculty, and parents alike enjoyed the haunting festivities at the annual Halloween party. Over 200 children attended and fourteen clubs and organizations participated. Pictured, Molly Hodge gets her face painted by Randi Myers from the American Sign Language Club.

Wade Breitzke Named New SGA Representative

By April Hodge

Due to the impeachment of Chase Sorrels, the Student Government had an opening. This spot has now been filled by Wade Breitzke who ran for SGA last spring semester.

During the speech part of the application process, it was evident that Breitzke had competition from two other capable contenders. Carl Stambaugh is member of F.A.C.E., ad manager of *The Voice*, and a devoted volunteer to off-campus organizations that raise awareness of HIV and AIDS. Stambaugh stressed his eagerness to get students involved at PNC by promoting and encouraging club activities that would interest the student body.

The other candidate was John Seramur. He is a freshman who is enrolled in the business management program and is interested in architectural drafting. He



Wade Breitzke New SGA Representative

stressed his desire to elevate PNC's current image as a commuter college into a "full-service college for the next generation."

After a good ten minutes of deliberating, the SGA members opened the door and welcomed the applicants back in. J.D. Coggins, President of SGA, thanked the candidates for applying for the position and encouraged them to stay involved. Coggins also noted that there are four seniors leaving SGA after graduation, so those who were not

selected have another chance at becoming a SGA members. He then announced that Wade Breitzke won the coveted SGA spot.

Breitzke was openly pleased and shook hands with the other candidates who congratulated his victory. Breitzke is an education major with former high school experience with Student Government. He works with the youth as a high school track and football coach and also manages a musical charity organization.



Left: John Seramur stresses campus development. Right: Carl Stambaugh encourages clubs and organization activities to interest students.

Fantastic Finish for Annual 5K Panther Run

By Dan Cook

2006 Panther Pounce 5K Run and Walk

On Sat., Nov. 4, roughly 230 runners and walkers braved the biting Nov. wind to make the annual Panther Pounce 5K an overwhelming success.

The number of participants had nearly doubled since last year, bringing in running clubs and enthusiasts of all ages and areas of the region.

Elizabeth Engel clocked in at 18:56.8 to take the overall best time for the female runners and Dan Ruge came in at 17:04.9 to clutch the overall best time of the race.

PNC's own Barb Austin took the overall best time for the walkers, finishing with a 45:31.1, a full 10 minutes ahead of Chuck Papahos the overall male winner who completed with a time of 55:58.6.

The event also featured entertainment by the trio Invent the Dark, winners of the 2006 PNC Battle of the Bands. They per-

formed an outdoor acoustic set.

Many participants tied their race t-shirts with the help of PNC students Grace Lacy, Heather Weaver, Alissa Whitaker and Betsy Maher, along with staff members Diana Marovich and Madonna Tritle.

John Weber, Purdue North Central Director of Athletics, expressed gratitude to the events main sponsor, Walsh & Kelly, and to all that contributed to the success of the fundraiser.



PNC student runner Carrie Joza after finishing the Panther Pounce 5K.

PNC BITS

Midterm Election Results

Democratic Party wins control over the House and Senate.

The Voice Website

Assistant Editor Jessica Ring has been working diligently at bringing the campus newspaper website into the current century. Please check it out at the link above and let us know what you think thevoice@pnc.edu

TRiO Club Asks Students to Support Holiday Gift Program

The TRiO club in conjunction with the organization Prisoners and Community Together, an ex-offender community transition program at the Bradley Center in Michigan City, is encouraging students and clubs to donate gift cards and new children's toys to support a holiday fun fest on Dec. 20 for the children of the residents of the halfway house.

Lou Ann Ramsey, Student Government Vice President, stated, "If every active organization gave one toy or gift card we would have close to thirty items," and added that the gifts need only to be in the \$10 to \$20 range.

Items can be dropped off to Carol Kurmis Student Support Services, LSF28. TRiO club asks that donors indicate what club or individual is giving the gift.

Instant Advisors

Instant message your advisor. Barb Austin AIM: pncbaustin; Alexandria Densmore AIM: pncdensmore; Heather Engstrom AIM: pncengstrom; Connie Fidanza AIM: pncfidanza; Janet Knight AIM: pncjknigh; Beth Rudnick AIM: pncrudnick; Kristi Thomas AIM: kthomaspnc; Madonna Tritle AIM: pnctritle

Thanksgiving Vacation

Dates of Thanksgiving vacation are Nov. 22 - 24. No classes are scheduled. Hopefully, professors have not assigned more homework to make up for this fact and we all can eat a whole bunch of turkey, pumpkin pie, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade bread and cookies, tons of green bean casserole, drink too much, eat too much, talk too much, and then come back to classes fifteen pounds heavier. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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NaNoWriMo

By Jessica Ring

Once a year, it happens. Millions of people worldwide subject themselves to unprecedented struggle and horror. And I'm not talking about holiday shopping.

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo, for the appropriately savvy), a veritable kick-in-the-pants for those would-be authors who always dreamt of writing a novel, but who can never quite find the time to do so.

The challenge began on November 1. According to NaNoWriMo.org, the no-nonsense "goal is to write 175-page (50,000) word novel by midnight, November 30." For those that can barely churn out a five page term paper, 175 pages is an understandably intimidating undertaking.

Because I have absolutely no free-time as it is, juggling two jobs and a full course-load, I'm not quite sure why I decided to take on the challenge at this particular juncture in my life. Perhaps because it is just that: a challenge.

Or perhaps it is because I no longer remember the sweet taste of sleep. Either way, I have 10,500 words complete at the time of this writing and absolutely no idea what my novel is about or where it is going. (Am I going to kill off the protagonist? Am I going to kill off the antagonist? I certainly can't allow both of them to live.)

However, I do feel good. Great, actually. I feel like I'm actually accomplishing something worthwhile, although my paper is laden with typographical errors and loopholes in a fairly weak plotline.

That's the great thing about NaNoWriMo, however. As an author, you simply don't have the time within the confines of the deadline to go back and correct every little error, reexamine the juxtaposition between the adjectives and verbs. You write, and you write desperately.

When initially considering whether or not to subject myself to such a time-consuming task, I found my answer on the FAQ page of NaNoWriMo's webpage.

"The other reason we do NaNoWriMo is because the glow from making big, messy art, and watching others make big, messy art, lasts for a long, long time. The act of sustained creation does bizarre, wonderful things to you. It changes the way you read. And changes, a little bit, your sense of self."

Tyler Durbin of Fight Club lived by the decree that a man could not know anything about himself until he was in a fight. Not one for physical confrontation, I believe that the principal holds true, at least for an English major like me, with a writing challenge as positively insane as NaNoWriMo.

Now, if you all will excuse me, I have a novel to finish.



Jessica Ring Asst. Editor

Letters

I had the pleasure of stopping in to see the festivities in LSF the evening of the PNC Children's Halloween Party. Congratulations to the Office of Dean Coggins, Activities Director, Garry Demski, Athletics, the clubs, volunteers, the staff working the evening shift-- everyone who made this party possible. The response was enormous and really heartwarming.

The children were absolutely thrilled with the games, kind attention and candy (of course!); I was so touched to see so many of our students taking their time to give the kids and their families a memorable evening. Incidentally, in addition to the kids costumes (some infants were even decked out) student, faculty and staff costumes were terrific-- several Spidermen, Grecian gods and goddesses, medieval damsels, knights, even a Shakespeare or two!

The generosity of PNC students, faculty and staff continues to impress me. Whether it is a highly successful food drive (thank you PNC Women's Club organizers), bake sales to benefit meaningful activities, clothing drives, collections for students to travel far to help others, and many other activities, it feels great to be a part of the efforts.

Forgive me if I have overlooked any other contributors to this effort. Thanks to all!

Judy Jacobi
Director of Marketing

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January 3, 2007
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March 26
April 18

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War Protester Commits Suicide

During Friday morning rush hour on Nov. 5, Chicago anti-war activist Malachi Ritscher committed suicide by self-immolation near the Ohio St. exit on the Kennedy Expressway as an act of protest against the war in Iraq.

Malacbi left behind a sign that read, "Thou Shalt Not Kill," along with a self-prepared obituary and mission statement outlining his views on the war and final comments about his life.

I had the pleasure of meeting Malcolm only a few weeks ago at a gig of a mutual friend of ours. He seemed like a gentle and caring soul, sensitive to the social and political struggles of our times. I want to believe that he gave his life as a symbolic act of self-sacrifice.

This is not to say that I agree with his methods or I can vouch for his state of mind at the time of his suicide, rather I simply believe that he cared for humanity deeply and he wished for a better society for all of us.

To print this one man's

statement is not meant to diminish the sacrifice of the 2848 U. S. soldiers that have given their lives in this unnecessary war; I am concerned about the actions that lead to their untimely deaths as well.

Perhaps Malcolm has spoken for our dead in word and action. Perhaps he was trying to show us how absurd and sick and violently uncivilized we still are. Perhaps he couldn't bear the collective respon-



sibility we have for the unnecessary killing of hundreds of thousands of Iraqis in a war that most of America knows is wrong, immoral and hateful.

Rest in peace, Malcolm.
-Daniel Cook

Mission Statement

By Malachi Ritscher

My actions should be self-explanatory, and since in our self-obsessed culture words seldom match the deed, writing a mission statement would seem questionable. So judge me by my actions. Maybe some will be scared enough to wake from their walking dream state - am I therefore a martyr or terrorist? I would prefer to be thought of as a 'spiritual warrior'. Our so-called leaders are the real terrorists in the world today, responsible for more deaths than Osama bin Laden.

I have had a wonderful life, both full and full of wonder. I have experienced love and the joy and heartache of raising a child. I have jumped out of an airplane, and escaped a burning building. I have spent the night in jail, and dropped acid during the sixties. I have been privileged to have met many supremely talented musicians and writers, most of whom were extremely generous and gracious. Even during the hard times, I felt charmed. Even the difficult lessons have been like blessed gifts. When I hear about our young men and women who are sent off to war in the name of God and Country, and who give up their lives for no rational cause at all, my heart is crushed. What has happened to my country? we have become worse than the imagined enemy - killing civilians and calling it 'collateral damage', torturing and trampling human rights inside and outside our own borders, violating our own Constitution whenever it seems convenient, lying and stealing right and left, more concerned with sports on television and ring-tones on cell-phones than the future of the world.... half the population is taking medication because they cannot face the daily stress of living in the richest nation in the world.

I too love God and Country, and feel called upon to serve. I can only hope my sacrifice is worth more than those brave lives thrown away when we attacked an Arab nation under the deception of 'Weapons of Mass Destruction'. Our interference completely destroyed that country, and destabilized the entire region. Everyone who pays taxes has blood on their hands.

I have had one previous opportunity to serve my country in a meaningful way - at 8:05 one morning in 2002 I passed Donald Rumsfeld on Delaware Avenue and I was acutely aware that slashing his throat would spare the lives of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of innocent people. I had a knife clenched in my hand, and there were no bodyguards visible; to my deep shame I hesitated, and the moment was past.

The violent turmoil initiated by the United States military invasion of Iraq will beget

future centuries of slaughter, if the human race lasts that long. First we spit on the United Nations, then we expect them to clean up our mess. Our elected representatives are supposed to find diplomatic and benevolent solutions to these situations. Anyone can lash out and retaliate, that is not leadership or vision. Where is the wisdom and honor of the people we delegate our trust to?

To the rest of the world we are cowards - demanding Iraq to disarm, and after they comply, we attack with remote-control high-tech video-game weapons. And then lie about our reasons for invading. We the people bear complete responsibility for all that will follow, and it won't be pretty.

It is strange that most if not all of this destruction is instigated by people who claim to believe in God, or Allah. Many sane people turn away from religion, faced with the insanity of the 'true believers'. There is a lot of confusion: many people think that God is like Santa Claus, rewarding good little girls with presents and punishing bad little boys with lumps of coal; actually God functions more like the Easter Bunny, hiding surprises in plain sight. God does not choose the Lottery numbers, God does not make the weather, God does not endorse military actions by the self-righteous, God does not sit on a cloud listening to your prayers for prosperity. God does not smite anybody. If God watches the sparrow fall, you notice that it continues to drop, even to its death. Face the truth folks, God doesn't care, that's not what God is or does. If the human race drives itself to extinction, God will be there for another couple million years, 'watching' as a new species rises and falls to replace us. It is time to let go of primitive and magical beliefs, and enter the age of personal responsibility. Not telling others what is right for them, but making our own choices, and accepting consequences.

"Who would Jesus bomb?" This question is primarily addressing a Christian audience, but the same issues face the Muslims and the Jews: God's message is tolerance and love, not self-righteousness and hatred. Please consider "Thou shalt not kill" and "As ye sow, so shall ye reap". Not a lot of ambiguity there.

What is God? God is the force of life - the spark of creation. We each carry it within us, we share it with each other. Whether we're conscious of the life-force is a choice we make, every minute of every day. If you choose to ignore it, nothing will happen - you are just 'less conscious'. Maybe you are less happy (maybe not). Maybe you grow able to tap into the universal force,

and increase the creativity in the universe. Love is anti-entropy. Please notice that 'conscious' and 'conscience' are related concepts.

Why God - what is the value? Whether committee consensus of a benevolent power that works through humans, or giant fungus under Oregon, the value of opening up to the concept of God is in coming to the realization that we are not alone, establishing a connection to the universe, the experience of finding completion. As individuals we may exist alone, but we are all alone together as a people. Faith is the answer to fear. Fear opposes love. To manipulate through fear is a betrayal of trust.

What does God want? No big mystery - simply that we try to help each other. We decide to make God-like decisions, rescuing falling sparrows, or putting the poor things out of their misery. Tolerance, giving, acceptance, forgiveness.

If this sounds a lot like pop psychology, that is my exact goal. Never underestimate the value of a pep-talk and a pat on the ass. That is basically all we give to our brave soldiers heading over to Iraq, and more than they receive when they return. I want to state these ideas in their simplest form, reducing all complexity, because each of us has to find our own answers anyway. Start from here...

I am amazed how many people think they know me, even people who I have never talked with. Many people will think that I should not be able to choose the time and manner of my own death. My position is that I only get one death, I want it to be a good one. Wouldn't it be better to stand for something or make a statement, rather than a fiery collision with some drunk driver? Are not smokers choosing death by lung cancer? Where is the dignity there? Are not the people the people who disregard the environment killing themselves and future generations? Here is the statement I want to make: if I am required to pay for your barbaric war, I choose not to live in your world. I refuse to finance the mass murder of innocent civilians, who did nothing to threaten our country. I will not participate in your charade - my conscience will not allow me to be a part of your crusade. There might be some who say "it's a coward's way out" - that opinion is so idiotic that it requires no response. From my point of view, I am opening a new door.

What is one more life thrown away in this sad and useless national tragedy? If one death can atone for anything, in any small way, to say to the world: I apologize for what we have done to you, I am ashamed for the mayhem

and turmoil caused by my country. I was alive when John F. Kennedy instilled hope into a generation, and I was a sorry witness to the final crushing of hope by Dick Cheney's puppet, himself a pawn of the real rulers, the financial plunderers and looters who profit from every calamity: following the template of Reagan's idiocracy.

The upcoming elections are not a solution - our two party system is a failure of democracy. Our government has lost its way since our founders tried to build a structure which allowed people to practice their own beliefs, as far as it did not negatively affect others. In this regard, the separation of church and state needs to be reviewed. This is a large part of the way that the world has gone wrong, the endless defining and dividing of things, micro-sub-categorization, sectarianism. The direction we need is a process of unification, integrating all people into a world body, respecting each individual. Business and industry have more power than ever before, and individuals have less. Clearly, the function of government is to protect the individual, from hardship and disease, from zealots, from the exploitation, from monopoly, even from itself. Our leaders are not wise persons with integrity and vision - they are actors reading from teleprompters, whose highest goal is to stir up the mob. Our country slaughters Arabs, abandons New Orleans, and ignores the dying environment. Our economy is a house of cards, as hollow and fragile as our reputation around the world. We as a nation face the abyss of our own design.

A coalition system which includes a Green Party would be an obvious better approach than our winner-take-all system. Direct electronic debate and balloting would be an improvement over our non-representative congress. Consider that the French people actually have a voice, because they are willing to riot when the government doesn't listen to them.

"Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up, and shake off the existing government..." - Abraham Lincoln

With regard to those few who crossed my path carrying the extreme and unnecessary weight of animosity: they seemed by their efforts to be punishing themselves. As they acted out the misery of their lives it is now difficult to feel anything other than pity for them.

Without fear I go now to God - your future is what you will choose today.

Start from here...

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Art That Matters: When Politics Get Personal

By Daniel Cook

On November 4, an exhibit of modern and contemporary political works opened to a vigorous assembly of art patrons at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, in Michigan City. The ten artist show ranges from WWII-era anti-fascist graphic reproductions by Nathan Wolf to the late 1960's political posters of William Weege. It also includes photographs by Grace Graupe-Pillard and the controversial Moroccan-born artist, Lalla Essaydi.

Composed of over sixty works, each piece exposes the devastation of the innocent and the imposition of racism, sexism and violence on the politicized body.

Essaydi's large C-print photographs, "Converging Territories" and "Les Femmes Du Maroc," portray an obsession within fundamental Islamic cultures to oppress women. Inscribed upon every inch of the white-robed women is Arabic calligraphy written in henna with precision and purity.

It is meant to extend beyond the traditional role of women within the culture in which Essaydi grew up in by crossing lines that restrict women from learning the sacred Islamic art.

The streets of post-9/11 New York provide the scenes in which mixed-media artist, Grace Graupe-Pillard, inflicts

garish and ghost-like images of Unisted States soldiers and prisoners at Abu-Ghraib. The series titled "Interventions" brings those displaced by war into silent confrontation with the everyday. They not engaging with or being recognized by officers that they are depicted beside.

Vietnam War-era graphic posters by William Weege, and



the massive photographs of Don Getsug, represent the flavor of the politics of protest in the 1960's. Weege's works, circa 1967, illustrate the mounting political views against the war during the "summer of love." A cry for peace among corpses, skinless flesh, and bodies made grotesque by napalm serve as a visual element to connect the politics of war with its result.

"For me, to revisit the past and see these photographs in such a large format is refreshing. The show as a whole is

very well put together," commented Don Getsug on his work in the show.

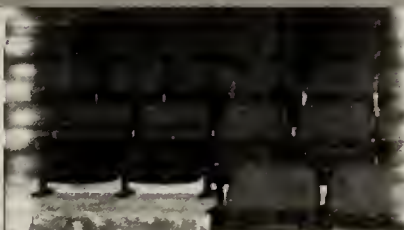
Getsug, a self-proclaimed "social documentarian" from Chicago, contributed three photographs from the 1968 Democratic National Convention. The photographs show young protestors, as well as Abbie Hoffman being booked by the Chicago police.

Interspersed randomly throughout the gallery are small facsimiles of the work of Nicole Hollander of the Sylvia-syndicated comic strip. Hollander shows that she can skillfully delve into social, political, and gender issues while remaining entertaining and appropriate in relation to the context of the show.

Of all the works in the exhibit, the most arcane are that of Anne Gilman. Her two large segmented works, "All Bush's Horses and All the Bush's Men, Couldn't Put the World Back Together Again," and, "War Ad Infinitum," are made of layers of indecipherable secrets and conspiracies.

"All Bush's Horses," is an attempt to unify devastated regions of the world. Scarred, burnt, and washed-blue maps are disjointed but not disordered, claiming some conscious effort to keep stable the varied degrees of destruction and chaos effecting each region.

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Movie Review

By Jessica Ring

Mirrormask is an artistic voyage into the beautiful, albeit disturbing, minds of Neil Gaiman and Dave McKean. Released only to select theaters

in 2005, but is now available to the online shopping and rental circuit.

Mirrormask details the journey of Helena, an unhappy fifteen year old circus performer working for the family business. After a particularly stinging argument with her

parents, her mother falls into an unspecified illness and is immediately hospitalized. That night, Helena wakes up in an alternate dimension. Putting her teenaged angst aside,

Helena must rescue the Mirrormask, the only object allowing her return to her own world.

Without the Mirrormask, the Light Queen in the dream world's dichotomy will die, allowing the Dark Queen's reign to spread, killing off everything.



Though the plotline is admittedly weak in parts, the imagery, as well as the soundtrack, is breathtaking.

Fans of Gaiman and McKean may have expected a darker, more sinister film. However, it retains its own sense of eeriness with the artfully crafted illustrations of McKean, brought to life by none other than the Jim

Henson Company. The incorporation of the infamous 'puppets' did not detract from the ominous aura the film transmitted (think, *The Labyrinth*).

Mirrormask is a visual feast, and do not let the 'PG' rating fool you; its images in juxtaposition with the music leaves the viewer with a strange sense of foreboding, in a way that only Neil Gaiman can create.

Music Review

By Trilaina Sibb

When people think of heavy metal, they tend to think of pounding drums, head bangers, and angry lyrics. **Apocalyptica** fans have one more thing they think of - electric cellos. The Finnish metal

band, comprised of cellists Perttu

Kivilaakso, Eicca Toppinen, and Paavo Lotojonen plays every genre from classical to metal with the help of drummer Mikko Siren. The band's debut album, "Apocalyptica Plays Metallica by Four Cellos" came about when four students from the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki were signed by Zen Garden Records.

The band isn't only instrumental. Guest vocalists Max Cavalera (Soulfly) and Matt Tuck (Bullet for My Valentine) were invited to appear in "Amplified - A Decade of Reinventing the Cello."

The band has lost a few of the original members, but Apocalyptica is still going strong, with their music appearing in commercials, video games, and movies. They have a Myspace-
www.myspace.com/reinventingthecello.



La Porte County Symphony Orchestra

"A Tribute to Mozart"

Saturday evening Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in La Porte's Civic Auditorium, featuring soprano soloist Martha Cares. Miss Cares' credits include Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chicago Opera Theater, the Tulsa Philharmonic and Florida Grand Opera.

In addition, she appeared in over one-thousand performances of the highly acclaimed "Phantom of the Opera" national Broadway production.

Selections from "The Marriage of Figaro," "Don Giovanni" and "The Magic Flute" will be included in this all-Mozart evening conducted by music director Philip J. Bauman.

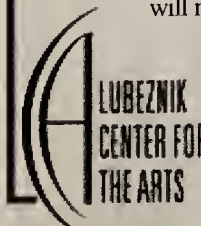
For additional information and tickets, please visit www.LCSO.net.

The Lubeznik Center for the Arts is hosting a film, a speaker, and an exhibit throughout Nov. and Dec. "The Weather Underground" (2003 Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary) film will now be shown Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. In the film, "Weathermen" members speak frankly about the idealist passions and trajectories that transformed them from college

activists into the FBI's Most Wanted. Admission: \$3 donation; members are free.

Bernadine Dohrn and Bill Ayers are special guest speakers. This married couple will speak about their experiences in the Weather Underground on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. They both spent years living underground and Dohrn was on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. Admission: \$5 donation; members free.

"Art That Matters: When Politics Get Personal" is a continuing exhibit and is still on display from Nov. 4 - Dec. 10 at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts.



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El Sabor Fue Excelente

By April Hodge

Spanish Club's El Sabor de Hispanoamérica was a huge success once again. Everyone who attended had a great time receiving a gift with a \$1.00 donation in Tómbola and eating scrumptious food from many different Spanish-speaking countries.

There was comida (food) from Argentina, Spain, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Peru, and many other countries as well. Spanish Club advisor Profesor Maria Ziegenfus did a great job coordinating the event and Vice-President Grace Lacey worked endlessly to make sure that El Sabor happened without a hitch.

People enjoyed the event while listening to Hispanic music and watching Spanish-speaking videos.



Students help themselves to some delicious food at El Sabor.

ASL Club

American Sign Language Game Night Open to Everyone

PNC American Sign Language (ASL) Club will host an ASL Game Night on Saturday, Nov. 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 144.

The event is open to students, the deaf community, and interested members of the public.

The evening will feature Nina Coyer, a deaf ASL interpreter professor at Eastern Kentucky University and Roger Coyer, a deaf retired teacher and football coach at Kentucky School for the Deaf who will relate their experiences as deaf teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing, as a football/basketball coach, and as deaf individuals growing up in a hearing world.

The evening will also feature a variety of games involving all participants using American Sign Language and gestures. ASL and English interpreting will be provided.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Karen Donah, continuing Lecturer and coordinator of American Sign Language, at 785-5200, ext. 5432 or kdonah@pnc.edu. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ext. 5432.



Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

The tree lighting ceremony is taking place on Nov. 27 at 4:00 p.m. The Chancellor will speak before the trees are lit and refreshments will follow in LSF 144.

There will be entertainment hosted by Jodi James and Sara Fazekas. Please come join us for an evening of fun.

Modern Languages Lab Displays Beautiful Art

By April Hodge

Walking into the Modern Languages Lab in the technology building is like being in a wonderful museum.

Everyone is encouraged to check out the Modern Languages Lab (MLL) in TECH 353. Spanish professor Maria Ziegenfus has a lot of beautiful Peruvian art on display. The MLL is open everyday and available to students who are taking English and foreign languages classes. Tutors are available.

In the office, there is a beautiful table setting displayed as well as colorful sculptures of parrots sitting on top of a shelf. Above the work labs are wonderful displays of masks, Pisco bottles, tea sets, and many other interesting items.

For more information, dial extension 5683.



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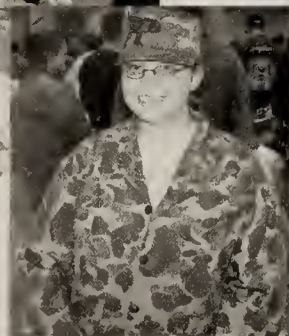
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Stephane Wornke - swornk00@pnc.edu
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Also, watch for ticket tables in the entrance and the north entrance of the Technology Building

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Forum on Terrorism Draws Concerned Crowd Engaging Event goes into the Late Hours

By Daniel Cook

Active Voices hosted a discussion of U.S. policy in the Middle East on Nov. 8 that engaged a crowd of concerned students, faculty, and members from the greater community.

The forum, organized by Purdue North Central students Camie and Troy Tyler, Erica Maar, Lyndsie Daikhi, and Todd Hough, lasted nearly three hours.

Panelists included professors from PNC Dr. Jonathan Swarts and Dr. Michele Davis and from Valparaiso University Dr. Nelly Van Doorn-Harder and Dr. D. A. Jeremy Telman.

Dr. Swarts spoke on the consequences of recent U.S. policies in the Middle East asserting that such policies may have increased the number and threat of terrorism.

He suggested, "Far from diverting young Muslims from the allure of the Osama Bin Ladens of the world, our recent policies have served as perhaps the most effective recruiting tool the terrorists could have ever have hoped for."

Dr. Van Doorn-Harder gave her perspective as an educator that has lived in the largely Muslim country of Indonesia. She touched on the perceptions and reactions by Muslims to U.S. policy.

After a short break, the forum resumed with a sociological examination of global reaction to the export of American values by Dr. Davis.

She highlighted significant changes in the way U.S. citizens are perceived by other countries around the globe as published in a recent Pew

Research Foundation Report, *America Against the World*.

The Pew data supports that there is a significant attitudinal shift in which citizens from other countries have gone from simply disliking U.S. policy to hating the American people.

The presentations concluded with Dr. Telman speaking about the impact the war on terror has had on domestic policy.

He claimed, "The aim of the war on terror is not to achieve certain foreign policy objectives, it is to achieve domestic policy objectives."

Dr. Telman suggested that the war on terror has stripped U.S. citizens of civil liberties through recent policies that deny Habeas Corpus rights, condone torture and allow indiscriminate data gathering and wiretapping of U.S. citizens by the state.

Dr. Telman ended his presentation with a note of optimism reminding the audience that we have the ability to change a government that is not representing our values and interests.

Dr. Telman asserted, "We need to press our representatives to repeal these laws to restore the balance between national security and civil liberties. First of all these laws don't make U.S. any safer and ultimately we want to live in an American society in which our freedoms are protected."

The forum adjourned with an open discussion from an enthusiastic audience that lasted past 9:30 p.m.



Top: Dr. Jonathan Swarts got the night underway by addressing how U.S. foreign policy has inadvertently increased terrorism.

Bottom: Dr. Michele Davis presented interesting data about worldwide opinions of Americans.



International Studies Masters Approved by Trustees

By Lyndsie Daikhi

As early as fall 2007, PNC could have a new masters program. The potential program, Masters of Science in International Studies, has been approved by the Purdue University Board of Trustees in West Lafayette. The last and final step to the approval of the Masters of Science in International Studies, which should take place before the beginning of the year, is approval by the Indiana Commission of Higher Education.

"This masters program will allow students who are interested in international affairs to pursue their interests," said Dr. Jonathan Swarts, assistant professor of political science and one of the organizers of the potential masters program.

According to Swarts, the masters program may be of interest to those with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Science (BABS) or a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies (BLS).

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Current Research Projects by PNC Faculty

By Megan Marrs

Dr. Jeff Shires, professor of Communication at PNC, is more than just a professor. He is a writer and researcher who transforms his



extended intelligence into practical applications. Dr. Shires is currently working on a text book for Communication 435 Emerging Technologies in Communication, which he is currently teaching. In the past he has been unable to find a text that grounded theory in a way that could be easily understood.

He said, "There are two types of books, the books that apply new technologies too much, and theory books that are not really grounded in theory in history. Those types of books make technology seem to appear from nowhere, leaving out such developments as television regulations as well as radio development."

The text book he is working on now will pull connections between the older and new technology while finding equilibrium with theory. He

wants to show the progression from sociology and philosophy to the newer debates on technology and users. The book will be out August of 2008.

In addition to writing text books, Dr. Shires has also written chapters for the book *From Production to Consumption*, which is about medical dramas, focusing specifically on the television show "M*A*S*H." Shires is also in the midst of researching what it means to be a user of technology. In the spring, he will be teaching the course "Technology and Its Audience" along with other courses he has taught in the past.

In his third semester at PNC, assistant professor Dan Wilbur has been able bring a



taste of the main campus up to our regional campus. Wilbur is in the middle of his Ph.D. dissertation from Purdue University main campus. He has been interviewing physicians in Lafayette, Indiana,

and going through his transcripts looking for patterns. Additionally, he is looking at physicians' experiences within their health organizations.

Professor Wilbur has found that "physician identity is a result of tensions they have to negotiate in their work." He has been researching this topic for a few years. His main specialty focus is on health and organizational communication; however, he is also an expert in rhetoric, gender empowerment, and aviation human factors.

Professor Wilbur teaches Communication 318 Principles of Persuasion; Communication 419 Health Communication; Communication 250 Mass Communication; Communication 114 Public Speaking; Communication 300 Research Methods.

Professor Wilbur will be attending the National Communication Association conference in San Antonio as a representative for the Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society. Last year, he presented a paper at the NCA conference in Boston about his research in Health/Organizational Communication.

Portals Winners Announced PNC Annual English Contest

The winners of the PNC annual Student Writing Contest for the 2005-2006 year have been announced by Robert Mellin, continuing lecturer of English and director of the writing contest.

The winning entries are published in Portals, the annual PNC student literary journal. The contest judging teams included faculty, staff as well as students.

English Composition - Non-Research Paper

First place - Fabiana Araújo, Valparaiso, "Seeds of Life"

Second place - Rachel Maxin, Chesterton, "Accepting Laura"

English Composition - Persuasive or Research Paper

First place - Karen Rachel Zimmerman, Rolling Prairie, "Perception as Deep as a Mirror: A Look at Human and Nonhuman Relationships"

Second place - Laura Merkner, Portage, "Children of Television"

Third place - Tim Bruce, Michigan City, "Principle Divisions"

Research Paper

First place - Anthony Underwood, Valparaiso, "Class in a 'Classless' Society"

Second place - Bradley T. Dimmitt, Westville, "Abraham Lincoln: Emancipator or Proclaimer? Debating His History"

Third place - Tim Bruce, Michigan City, "Hollywood, Americans, and the Jerry Springer Mentality"

Personal Essay

First place - Eugene Maines, Westville, "Dad's Cancer Battle"

Second place - Brenda Patterson, Valparaiso, "Now That I am Gone..."

Third place - Laura Merkner, Portage, "Summer Tears"

Poetry

First place - Kriss Tumbleson, Westville, "Mary"

Second place - Danielle Weinhold, Valparaiso, "A Working Man's Prayer"

Third place - Danielle Weinhold, Valparaiso, "The Sun as We the Soul" and Joe Neal, Valparaiso, "I Need a Smoke"

Short Fiction

First place - Benjamin Starkey, Valparaiso, "Morbid Angel"

Second place - Polly Wainwright, Porter, "Cake Story"

The John J. Pappas Literary Essay Award

First place - Sylvia Fry, Chesterton, "Langston Hughes: A True Harlem Renaissance Poet" and Belinda Wheeler, Westville, "Valuable Lessons Learned Through an Outsider's Eyes: The Poetry of Lola Ridge and Judith Wright"

Artwork

First place - Julie Wallschlager, Porter

Second place and front cover - Tacy Fletcher, LaPorte

Third place - Benjamin Starkey, Valparaiso

Web Design

First place - Joyce Taylor, Kingsford Heights

Calling All Aspiring Thespians

A PNC production at Michigan City's Mainstreet Theatre

This spring PNC begins a new partnership with Michigan City's Mainstreet Theatre by putting on a production of *Every Man in His Humor*, a rowdy, topsy-turvy comedy by one of Shakespeare's great contemporaries, Ben Jonson.

Auditions for the play will be held from Tuesday to Thursday, Nov. 28-30. Students of all levels of experience are encouraged to audition, and the only requirement for auditions is to prepare a one-minute monologue from a play, film or television script.

Paul Hecht, a new professor in the English Department, will direct the play. He comes to PNC with particular experience in drama in the age of Shakespeare and was a founding member of a theatre group started at Cornell University known as the Red Bull Players.

Professor Hecht will also teach a two-credit course, Theatre 336, designed to complement the production with instruction in text, voice, movement, and reading the works of Jonson, Shakespeare, and others.

The class will begin at the start of the spring semester, and will be integrated into the production when rehearsals begin later in the spring. Performances are scheduled for Apr. 19-21.

Signup sheets for auditions are available in the office of the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, TECH 341. For questions, including questions about auditions or other ways of getting involved in the play (in set design, sound, lighting, stage management, costumes, makeup) contact Professor Hecht at x5296, or email pchecht@pnc.edu.

Rotaract Club

Rotaract Club is a service-based club sponsored by the local Rotary Club. We do various activities throughout to improve our community. We have guest speakers at each meeting that relate to our members' majors. This year we hope to take a trip to the United Nations in New York with the Chancellor.

Meetings are held twice month on every other Tuesday in Tech 160 at 11:30 am.

Fall Semester Meeting Dates:

November 21st December 5th

Guest Speakers:

1/21 Yvonne Lindborg from Kinsbury Elevator
12/5 Jason Sethre General Manager from The Herald-Argus

Please contact Vice Chancellor Joe Goepfrich at jgoepfrich@pnc.edu or club President Crystal Delgado at cdelga00@pnc.edu if joining or have any questions.

Student Government Association

The SGA meets every Friday at 3 p.m. in LSF 204. All are welcome to attend.

Spanish Club

Join us on Nov. 27 at 1 p.m. in LSF 60

TRiO Club Announcement

November 20-21 Clothing Drive
November 23 Flowers for Meals on Wheels & Anarbor with Drifting Dunes Girl Scouts Service Unit #16
December 8 Toy Shop
December 10 Study Day
January 29 Task of Diversity
February 13-14 Valentine Carnations
April 26 Mr. PNC

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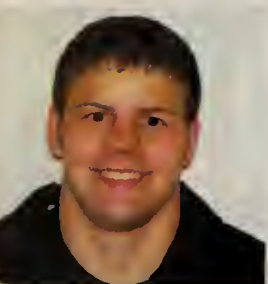
Jeremy
McCelos #5
Senior Guard
5'9" 160 lbs.
La Porte, Ind.



Tyler
Moore #15
Junior Forward
6'3" 215 lbs.
Knox, Ind.



Sylvester
James #23
Junior
Guard/Forward
6'1" 200 lbs.
Dolton, Ill.



Matt
Martinez
#20 Senior Guard
5'9" 165 lbs.
Portage, Ind.



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Assistant
Coach David
Garrett



Andre Hayes
#32 Freshman
Guard/Forward 6'3" 205
lbs. Gary, Ind.



Avance Byrd
#11 Junior Guard/Forward
6'2" 170 lbs.
Tacoma, Wash.



Brian Bogus #2
Junior Guard
5'11" 175 lbs.
Knoxville, Tenn.



Robert Wright
#45 Freshman Center
6'5" 215 lbs.
Gary, Ind.



Scott Adams
#10 Sophomore Guard
5'11" 140 lbs.
Schererville, Ind.



Rodney Wash #21
Sophomore Forward
6'5" 210 lbs.
East Chicago, Ind.



Andre Jones #42
Sophomore Forward
6'3" 195 lbs. Muncie,
Ind.



Terry Polk
#31 Junior Forward
6'2" 180 lbs.
Gary, Ind.



Glenn Walton #33
Freshman Forward 6'3"
185 lbs. Gary, Ind.



Adam
Dobrzaniecki #44
Junior Center
6'6" 240 lbs.
Dyer, Ind.



Hugh
Howards #4
Freshman Guard
6'2" 175 lbs.
Columbia City, Ind.



Cameron
Hudgins #1
Freshman Forward
6'3" 175 lbs.
Gary, Ind.



Nate
Mrozinski #22
Senior Guard
6'2" 160 lbs.
La Porte, Ind.



Marlon
Douglass #24
Sophomore Guard
5'10" 160 lbs.
Muncie, Ind.

BASKETBALL TEAM

U.S. Enacts New Policy on Space

By April Hodge

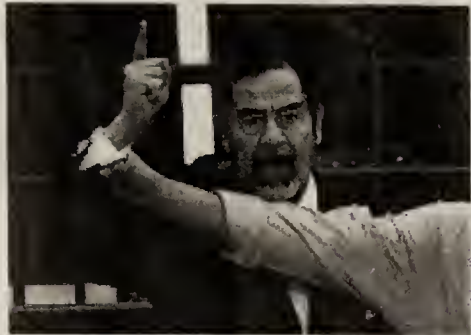
President Bush signed a new National Space Policy on Aug. 31. This new policy addresses U.S. space interests and concerns. According to the ten-page document that was declassified on Oct. 18, this policy protects the United States' safety and commercial interests in space by denying "if necessary, adversaries the use of space capabilities hostile to U.S. national interests."

The document also establishes commercial interests by stating that the U.S. "is committed to encouraging and facilitating a growing entrepreneurial space sector." The space policy also ensures that the U.S. will not fall victim to potential enemies that may disrupt the country's orbiting communication satellites, which may cause a national security crisis.

Other countries have stressed concern about a possible U.S. space-weapons program, but the U.S. denied this, stating that this new policy does not change current U.S. policy about having weapons in space. Tony Snow, White House spokesman, stated, "The notion that you would do defense from space is different from that of weaponization of space."

Saddam Hussein Sentenced: Death Penalty

By April Hodge



AP Photo

Hussein reacts after his verdict was announced.

Former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was sentenced to death by hanging Sunday, Nov. 5. He was tried and convicted of killing 148 Shia Muslims after an assassination attempt against him back in 1982.

A curfew had been issued two days before the verdict was to be announced in order to deter violence or large-scale celebrations that might trigger violence.

The curfew was largely ignored and there were mobs protesting the sentencing in Tikrit, the hometown of Saddam Hussein, and joyous celebrations from Shia

Muslims in Sadr City near Baghdad and also in the holy city of Najaf.

Saddam Hussein is going through with an appeals process that is not expected to change the guilty verdict.

His sentencing is expected to be carried out in two or three months, according to BBC reports.

A separate trial is being held in which he is being tried in crimes he allegedly committed against Kurds in Iraq. This trial resumed on Nov. 14.

Some are speculating that the violence in Iraq will increase due to the outcome of this verdict.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld Resigns

By Lyndsie Daikhi

With the announcement of the Democratic victory in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld resigned. As the longest standing member of Bush's cabinet, and as a member of his father's cabinet, George W. Bush until now has supported Rumsfeld unconditionally. Rumsfeld has been a magnet for criticism about the management of the war in Iraq.

Although, in the past the president said that he would stick with Rumsfeld, senior White House officials said that Rumsfeld's resignation had been discussed for weeks. According to the officials, President Bush and a few of his top aides began a series of secret meetings to find the best way to announce the news.

The president asked former director of central intelligence under his father, Robert Gates, to take over as Secretary of Defense. Gates and Bush met secretly at the president's ranch in Crawford, Texas. However, in order to avoid the press, Gates met senior aides to the president in the town of McGregor and was



"It recalls to mind the statement by Winston Churchill, something to the effect that 'I have benefited greatly from criticism, and at no time have I suffered a lack thereof.'"

then quickly escorted onto the ranch.

Will Gates, if confirmed by the Senate, be able to clean up the mess of the war in Iraq? Will Gates be able to mend the relations between the

Secretary of Defense and the generals? The outcomes of the change at the head of the Department of Defense are not soon to be known.

The Race Relations Council of Northwest Indiana

The Immigration Race: The second and third forums in a series focusing on local and national immigration issues.

Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. Valparaiso University Union's Great hall Forum will focus on immigration issues impacting the region.

Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. Indiana University Northwest Forum will focus on current controversies surrounding national immigration issues. Ali Khan, Executive Director of the American Muslim Council in Chicago is scheduled to participate in the event. Further information can be obtained by contacting Dr. Michele Davis at mmdavis@pnc.edu.

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Join(RED) Campaign

By Megan Marrs

The Join(RED) campaign helps the millions of children, women and men that are dying from HIV all around the world. The two men that started the Join(RED) campaign have decided to fight back for those infected and to help prevent any further infection. Bono and Bobby Shriver, formerly of date.org, have teamed up and created the ONE Foundation. Through this foundation, they have launched a global marketing enterprise.

Join(RED) campaign uses standard consumer products that everyone uses daily to

(RED)

help get funds for the foundation. This will enable them to purchase medicine for those infected with HIV in Africa and other parts of the globe.

Earlier this year, the Join(RED) campaign was launched in the U.K. and on Oct. 13, 2006, it was launched in the United States.

The products that consumers can purchase are generally red in color; however,

other colors are available.

Red Motorola Razr, Red American Express Cards, Gap clothing, Armani watches, clothes and sunglasses, as well as Converse and Apple Nano products are available at local stores.

For every product that is purchased, one-third to half of the gross net income is donated to the fund. When you look at that it may not seem like a

lot, however, two pills of medication is all an HIV infected person needs each day to live. Two pills only cost about fifty cents.

This money not only helps to provide medicine, it also helps to pay to bring in educators who inform people with little or no education about HIV and AIDS about how they can prevent the spreading of this disease to others.

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Career Corner - The Key to Job Search Success

We've all heard job search horror stories about people who graduated with bachelor's degrees, and have been looking for a job for 3 years in their field with no success. Stories like these tend to spread like wildfire, and can be discouraging and depressing to job seekers, leaving them with a feeling of hopelessness regarding their own job search.

In most cases, however, there is at least one, and often several, very legitimate and tangible reasons why a job seeker has been unsuccessful. Quite frequently, ineffective job seekers are failing to sell themselves and their skills effectively. One of the cardinal rules of job seeking is this: **effective job seekers can identify, illustrate, and articulate marketable skills, and ineffective job seekers cannot.**

Identifying Marketable Skills – Job searching for professional-level positions is a competitive process. With many – sometimes tens or hundreds – equally degreed people vying for one position, your mission as job seekers is to convince the hiring authority that you are the best candidate for the job. Just like any sales activity, a product cannot be sold effectively until the salesman can identify the features and benefits of the product being sold. This is true for job seekers as well. How can you possibly sell yourself effectively if you don't know what your "selling points" are? In other words, what is so great about you? What makes you a better investment than the other candidates? What makes you uniquely qualified for the position? If you don't know the answer to those questions, you probably will not be an effective job seeker.

Illustrating Marketable Skills – It's not enough to be able to just identify your marketable skills, you also have to give examples to back them up. Hiring authorities need to see examples of how a job seeker has used or developed a skill in order to be convinced that the job seeker does indeed have the skills they claim. Reminding yourself of those valuable learning experiences you've had through school, work, volunteering, or other parts of your life, is very important to your job search.

Articulating Marketable Skills – Once you have identified marketable skills, and have an example to illustrate each one, you must be able to talk about them effectively. You may be extremely qualified and the perfect fit for a position, but if you can't effectively convince an employer of this, your job search will fall short. As a job seeker, you need to practice talking about these issues, and rehearse your answers to commonly asked interview questions, just as if you were preparing for a speech or presentation for a class. Knowing these things in your head is much different than telling someone else about them in a way they can understand and connect with. When it comes to selling yourself effectively, practice makes perfect!

For more information about job searching, resume writing, or interviewing, make an appointment with a staff member in the Office of Career Development, Dean of Students Office, LSF 103, or contact Linda at 219-785-5230 or e-mail at lnleulieb@pnc.edu. You can also download a copy of "The Complete Job Search Handbook" at our home page – www.pnc.edu/careers.

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Corrections

In the article "Immigration Forum Promotes Understanding, Dialogue," PNC student Selena Saldivar's role in organizing the forum was overstated. Though she spoke at the forum, credit for planning the event goes to Dr. Michele Davis, Patricia Carlisle, and J. Allen Johnson.

In the article "Faculty Senate Pushing to Adopt New Constitution," Dr. Tom Brady, Jr. should be referred to as Head Chair of Faculty Senate. Also, Dr. Christine Lehmann clarified a statement she made by adding the new Constitution "would affect faculty, but not students as much."

On the front page, Susan Brychell's first name was misspelled.

The article "PNC Student Interns for Senator Lugar" was inadvertently cut short.



Credit: Sustainable Table.

Watch "The Meatrix II: Revolting" to help put a stop to inhumane factory farming.

Film Fights "Revolting" Farm Practices

Mother Earth News magazine

by Stephanie Bloyd

Are you the one who can help save the world from factory farms? Find out by watching "The Meatrix II: Revolting," a four-minute animated video released by Sustainable Table and Free Range Studios. This edgy, information-packed film is spreading the word about the

dangers of industrial dairy farms.

"The Meatrix II: Revolting" and its predecessor play off the Hollywood blockbuster film "The Matrix." The 2003 "Meatrix" won critical acclaim and educated more than 10 million viewers about corporate farming practices. In the first "Meatrix," a pig named Leo is approached by a mysterious, trench coat-clad cow named Moopheus, who introduces Leo to the stark

reality of modern factory farms. (In "The Matrix," Morpheus teaches Neo that the reality humanity knows is an illusion created by machines, but that humanity can be saved if they work together to shatter this Matrix.)

In "The Meatrix II," Leo and Moopheus, together with Chickity, their partner in the resistance, visit a commercial dairy farm and learn the ugly truth about how dairy cows are raised - including an unnatural

diet that feeds the dead back to the living; overcrowded, unsanitary living conditions; injections of genetically engineered hormones that increase milk production; and the antibiotics cows must be fed to survive in these conditions.

The trio also learns about the pollution generated by the massive quantities of waste that industrial dairies produce, and finally face the truth about factory farming, rather than subscribe to "the lie we tell ourselves about where our food comes from."

In addition to educating consumers about factory farming, the Meatrix Web site includes an Eat Well Guide with listings of local small farms (searchable by ZIP code), as well as a virtual tour of an industrial farm. To view these short films on your computer, visit www.themeatrix2.com.

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make a fool out
of yourself and
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sister by telling
the groom..."

Ask Starchild

Dear Starchild,

My sister who lives in another state is getting married in the spring. We have not been close for awhile. In the past five years, we have spent about four days together; however, my best friend, whom I see all the time, is getting married on the same day.

What do I do? Whose wedding do I attend? One is my sister and the other is my best friend.

Sincerely,
Wrong Decision

Dear Wrong Decision,

Well, if it were me, I would attend my sister's wedding. If your friend is truly your best friend, they will understand.

Even though you are not close to your sister, you should still show her support and be there for her.

If you feel totally uncomfortable at the reception, go ahead and get toasted, make a fool out of yourself, and embarrass your sister by telling the groom and his family a lot of childhood stories about your sister.

Celestially Yours,
Starchild

Dear Starchild,

I consider myself to be an extremely open minded person and I have a problem. I am a freshman and I should let you know upfront that I am a girl.

I have heard that there is a dance coming up and I have met a wonderful person that I would love to go to the dance with. The problem is that this person is another girl and

I am not sure how the school would react if I took the girl to the dance. Please help me.

Sincerely,
Student in Love

Dear Student in Love,

Who cares who you take to the dance? Take whomever you want to.

This is an extremely open and diverse campus. So the only person that would seem to have a problem with it is yourself. As long as you like yourself and accept yourself, who cares what other people think.

The only person that matters is you, so if you want to take this girl, ask her. The worst thing that can happen is that she will say no then you will be back to being single. So, give it a try.

Write me back at ask_starchild@yahoo.com and let me know

how everything went!

Celestially Yours,
Starchild

Dear Starchild,

I have a job and go to school. Since I have started working, my grades have started to suffer.

I went from having A's and B's to getting D's. What do I do?

Confused and Suffering

Dear Confused & Suffering,

If your job is understanding, they will talk to you.

Let them know that you need additional time off to work on your studies and if they are not that understanding, maybe you should quit your job and find one that is understanding of your circumstances.

Or, do like I do, become the worlds biggest b@#ch and they will fire you, then you can collect unemployment.

Celestially Yours,
Starchild

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The Masters of Science in International Studies will have two concentrations. The first concentration will be Global Politics, Society, and Economy. This concentration will allow those interested in the politics, society, and economy of the international world.

The second concentration, Regional Studies-Latin America, will allow students who are interested in Latin America to engage in their interests.

The master program will consist of a dual track system. The first will be a thesis track preparing students who may want to pursue a doctorate in philosophy. The second will be non-thesis track preparing students who may use the masters degree in a private business setting.

"This will be the only international masters program in Indiana, which will be a nice addition to PNC, which will allow the PNC campus to grow as an institution. It is important for students to understand that this is part of Purdue West Lafayette masters program which is located at Purdue North Central," Dr. Swarts explained.

Art cont'd. from Page 3

Gazing at the work, a patron named Alan commented, "It's easy to take things apart, but it's always difficult to put them back together."

The show featured a young Chicago artist, Drew Matott, performing and interacting with the crowd. His pulp-paper project, "Peoples Portraits of Bush," allowed patrons to make and treat their own stenciled representation of President Bush on black pulp-paper along with images of Jesus and approval stars.

He also invites all to comment with free-hand drawings. The work will be displayed at the gallery for the remainder of the show.

The other artists that are included in the exhibit are contemporary paper artist John Risseuw, as well as 1960's period graphic work by Billy Morrow Jackson.

Art That Matters: When Politics get Personal, will be on display in the Hyndman & Brincka Galleries of the Lubeznik Center for the Arts through December 10.

Don't Forget that Trio Club is having a clothing give away on November 20 - 21.

Go Panthers!

Larry Barrett Views Long-Term College Career Relevance

Attention All Aspiring Career Students



"Students at PNC should aspire to reach a higher level in their education,"

By Lyndsie Daikhi

With ready access to Purdue University North Central, how long will it take you to complete your college degree?

According to Larry Barrett, assistant vice chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Services, the benefits of completing a degree and graduating in four years really outweigh any other potential options.

"Graduating from Purdue University North Central not only benefits the institution, but also the students," Barrett commented.

If a student completes their degree, there is a chance for PNC to add more programs and degrees whereby future students will benefit.

The Toolbox Revisited, a national data essay that fol-

lowed students from elementary school through their post-secondary education, found that since 1982 a noticeably higher proportion of high school graduates continue their education. Also found within the survey, students switch their college or university choice more often than in the past.

"Students at PNC should aspire to reach a higher level in their education," said Barrett.

According to the Toolbox Revisited, if a student completes at least 20 credit hours in their first year, that student is 80% more likely to complete college.

If a student only takes four classes per semester then it will take that student six years to complete their degree.

"Students who take more than four classes per semester have something to fall back on if one class becomes too difficult or overwhelming. If a stu-

dent is only taking four classes and needs to drop a class, they will lose their financial aid and possibly may owe money to the school," Barrett stated.

Not only is time an important aspect with regard to a college degree but financial aid is important as well.

On the average, every year the tuition rates for colleges increase about 6%. Also, most federal grants are only available to students for four years.

So, a student will not only miss two valuable years of work if they do not complete within four years, but they will also not receive federal grants.

According to Barrett, there are several reasons that students do not complete their degrees at PNC.

"First, students feel that there are not enough programs at PNC and secondly students are not academically ready for the rigors of college."

Panthers V-ball

PNC Women's Volleyball Club Wrap-up Outstanding First Season

By Tom Starnes

The PNC women volleyballers closed out their formative years as a "club" sport on Oct. 18 with a decisive win over Indiana University Northwest 30-8, 30-10, 30-15.

The Panthers finished the season 5-12, and look forward to moving on up to National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics sport level for the 2006-07 academic year.

PNC was led by Ashley Morford with 10 kills and four aces, Samantha (Sam) Svetic with seven kills and eight aces, Daisy Daisy Lee with six kills, Felicia Fisher with four kills, and Angie Edwards with 28 assists, two aces and two kills. Amanda Martin added three digs, Sunshine Johns contributed two kills and two digs and Dana Barkas chipped in with a kill, two aces and two digs.

On Oct. 15 the Panthers competed at the Purdue Club Tournament at West Lafayette, finishing 0-3. PNC lost in the opening round to Eastern Illinois University, 25-18, 25-10, 25-22, then fell to the University of Illinois, 25-9, 25-16, 25-12. In the championship round the Panthers lost again to Illinois, 25-16, 15-25, 15-8.

Second semester sophomore Amanda Martin is typical of the PNC volleyball players who up-till-now have been playing for the love of the game. (Club sports do not have scholarships available nor recruit players.) Pursuing a career in elementary educa-



PNC Juniors, Brian Bogus (G) and Adam Dobrzeński (C) handle the IU-Southeast defense at the Nov. 11 home game. The Panthers found themselves playing catch up nearly the entire game resulting in a disappointing 84-79 loss. Their early season record is set even at 2-2.

tion, Martin, who transferred from Southern Indiana University, decided to join the rest of her teammates as a walk-on.

According to Martin, volleyball is a passion, and she hopes she can put the experience to good use as a coach someday.

Along with the rest of the volleyball team, she is to be commended for many weeks of practice, and grueling games against bigger and stronger schools, with little incentive other than their love for the game.



Basketball

First Home Game

By Eric Woznick

It was an example of too little too late for the Panthers, as they fell to the Grace College Lancers 87-76 in their home opener Tuesday night, Nov. 7 at the Scholl Center in Michigan City.

The Panthers struggled in the first half connecting on just 13 of 36 attempts from the field as they fell behind 45-30 entering the break. However, the second half saw the Panthers move beyond their first-game jitters and the Panther attack started to come alive.

Senior Jeremy McCelos came through with a steal which led to a 3-point shot by junior Terry Polk, pulling the Panthers within 10 points at eight minutes to play. PNC had several opportunities to narrow the gap to single digits but the Lancers capitalized just enough at the free throw line down the stretch to ice the game.

Polk was the high scorer for the Panthers with 15 points, finishing 7 of 9 from the field. Junior Adam Dobrzeński returned from last year's season-ending knee injury and added 12 points and eight rebounds. McCelos and sophomore Andre Jones also contributed 12 points apiece.

Overall, PNC out-rebounded Grace 48 to 42, but the Lancers knocked down nearly 61 percent of their field goal attempts. Grace made 19 of 29 free throws, compared to PNC's 14 of 20. Both teams committed a high number of turnovers, with the Lancers at 18 and the Panthers at 17.

For the next home game, the Panthers will take on Geneva College, Friday November 10th at 7:00pm. All home games are played at Marquette High School in Michigan City.

Panthers Weather Tornadoes PNC Gets First Home Win of the Season

By Eric Wozniak

The PNC Panthers exhibited something that has not yet been seen this season – a decisive first half.

This is exactly what helped propel the Panthers to the 84 – 69 win over Geneva College (Pa.) Friday night Nov. 10 at the Scholl Center in Michigan City.

"We came out strong tonight; something we haven't been familiar with this season," said PNC head coach Grayling Gordon, referring to the dominance displayed by the Panthers in the first half.

PNC's strong start was accomplished by draining 6 out of 10 three-pointers and connecting on 16 out of 31 shots from the field.

The Panther defense was the key to the early jump with 5 steal and 20 rebounds for the half which found the Panthers on top 45 – 33 at the break.

Adam Dobrzeński led the way for PNC in the first half with 12 points and 4 rebounds.

The Panthers defense was tested, however, when Geneva started a strong second half scoring 11 points within the first four minutes of the half. PNC answered back with a surge of points coming from Rodney Wash and Matt Martinez.

Martinez came through at

crucial times driving to the lane to draw fouls going 3 out of 4 at the line to help extend the lead.

Nate Mrozinski looked comfortable with his ability to drain three-pointers finishing the match with 12 points. He also helped ignite the Panthers defense as well with 3 rebounds and a steal that led to another three-pointer by the senior guard. The shot became the turning point for the Panthers second half play giving them a 7 point advantage and began a rally that resulted in a 12 point lead to put the game out of reach.

"We all came together tonight," said Gordon. "Defensively we got the ball back when needed, and our offense capitalized."

The Panthers went into this game without a scouting report, which added to the excitement, and importance of this win.

"We had no idea what they were capable of since they're from Pennsylvania and all we knew was their size," Dobrzeński said after the game.

Leading the Panthers in scoring were Wash with 18 points, Terry Polk with 16 points, Dobrzeński with 14 points and Mrozinski with 12 points. Wash also led the Panthers in rebounds with 8 total boards.

Brian Bogus played a solid all-around game for PNC with 8 crucial points, 4 rebounds, and 2 assists.

Tyler Moore added 2 timely three-pointers.

"We played with determination tonight and our guys wanted to win at all costs; I saw this in the locker room before the game," said Gordon.

Softball Team

By Eric Wozniak

What chance does a team have to make it in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference when the team starts the season with only 10 players? This was the main concern last year season for the PNC women softballers.

When asked how the team managed to cope with such shortage, assistant coach Denny King replied "Our girls played their hearts out; they played hurt and they played sick. They just played hard every game."

From the looks of it, the

Panthers will not have a repeat the last year's problems. This time around the Panthers are well stocked with seven returning players, three transfer students, and an optimistic new batch of freshmen.

Another problem that the Panthers have already evaded in contrast with last year's season, is the experience required to win in the CCAC. Out of the seven returning players is Katie Ebach (LaPorte, Ind.), a 2005-2006 All Conference player, with a stellar batting average of .429, for 21 hits, and a glove that matches the bat. Ebach kept a perfect fielding record last year, yielding

zero errors in the outfield. Ebach's return to Panthers softball is one of many factors that will determine the fate for the team as they approach the 2007 season.

Betsy Maher (Chesterton, Ind.) is another returning player, and a standout from last season. Maher had 13 total hits on the season, earning a .317 average, along with a .967 fielding percentage. She had only three errors last season, which is extraordinary considering she plays third base, a spot infamous for hard shots and a long throw to first.

Coach King also looks for Jessica Brannagan (Westville,

Ind.) to deliver as she did last season. Brannagan had 13 hits, earning a .310 batting average. She also did her part in the field, having the third best fielding average with .952 percent.

Coach King expressed excitement for returning pitcher Tracy Markwell (Portage, Ind.) who finished the 2007 season with a 4.08 ERA, second best on the team. "We are looking for girls to lead, especially our returning players."

Other returning players for the Panthers include Valerie Minyard (Crown Point, Ind.), Stephanie Zaharias (Valparaiso, Ind.), and Aliisa Whitaker (Chalmers, Ind.).

Transferring from abroad is junior pitcher Bethany Toyias (Schererville, Ind.) transferring from Robert Morris College, third base Melissa Carson (Lake Station, Ind.), transferring from South Suburban College, and sophomore catcher Kayla Vargo (Chesterton, Ind.), transferring from IUPUI Fort Wayne.

"All these girls coming back are great for our program. Our returning players are expected to fill leadership roles that are necessary to build our program," said coach King.

The Panthers have nothing but room for improvement. The Panthers yielded 113 hits

on the 2005-2006 season, nearly finishing last in that category within the CCAC. The team finished near the bottom in most categories, except for fielding, which put the Panthers 4th overall.

The Panthers have already begun their winter training schedule, in hopes of getting a jump on other teams within the conference, but the conditioning aspect goes beyond the want for physical superiority.

When asked about team goals for the 2007 season, coach King replied, "Our goal is to stay competitive within our conference, and take the conference championship."

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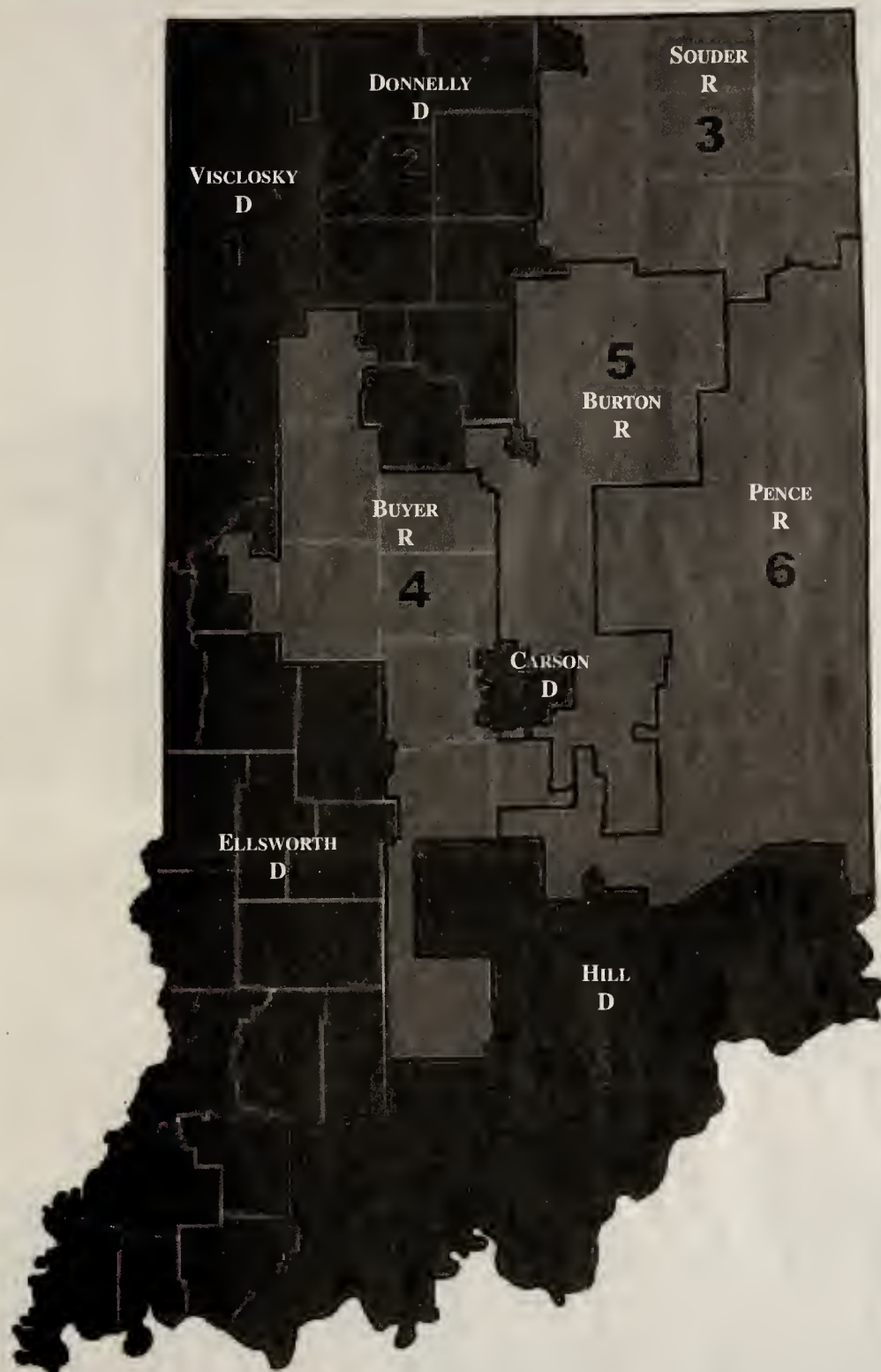
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It Was a Blue Day for Republicans



Election Results

By Lyndsie Daikhi

There has been a new power shift in Washington and throughout the state governments across the country. Democrats have taken control of the Senate.

Democrats have also won the highly coveted majority in the House of Representatives; they picked up 28 seats which puts them in control of this chamber for the first time in 12 years. This win will also pave the way for the first female Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi.

After President Bush heard that the Democrats had taken over the House of Representatives, he invited Pelosi to have lunch with him. This is in the effort to have somewhat cordial relations with the Democrats in order to get some things done.

Pelosi and the Democrats want, in their first 100 hours, to push through

their "Six for '06" agenda.

The "Six for '06" agenda includes calls to raise the minimum wage, repeal subsidies and incentives for large oil companies, cut interest rates on student loans, give the government the authority to negotiate with the pharmaceutical companies for lower prescription drug prices, and to expand the opportunities for embryonic stem cell research.

This Democratic power surge is also prevalent in Indiana. Indiana's congressional delegation pre-election was seven Republicans and two Democrats; now, post-election there are five Democrats and four Republicans.

In the 1st congressional District (this includes parts of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties) Peter Visclosky won easily. Since the Democrats now have control of congress, Visclosky is now in line to become chairman of the House Spending Panel.

In the 2nd congressional district, which includes most of LaPorte County, Democrat Joe Donnelly posted a huge upset against incumbent Republican Chris Chocola.

Education and the Democrats

By Lyndsie Daikhi

What does this new wave of Democratic power mean to college students? In fact this election, although not a presidential one, will contribute to a change in the way that college students pay for their education.

According to the website democrats.org, the current Republican way of dealing with financial aid is to do nothing to decrease the average tuition, slash education budgets, and to leave debt for future generations to pay off.

The Democrats plan differs substantially from that of the Republican plan. Democrats want to increase the maximum amount of funds that a student receives under the Pell Grant

from \$4,050 to \$5,800. The Democrats also want to double the HOPE Scholarship tax credit from \$1,500 per student to \$3,000 per student. Democrats also want to enhance funding for minority serving institutions.

Besides allotting more financial stability to schools, Democrats also want to forgive student loans for highly qualified public school teachers who commit to work five years in high-poverty schools.

Democrats would also forgive student loans for professionals who work in public service careers where there are personnel shortages.

These promises may or may not be fulfilled; only the next couple of years will be able to tell the truth.

Global Warming

By Lyndsie Daikhi

According to a recent presentation given by Henry Pollack, a professor of Geophysics at the University of Michigan, at the Sinai Forum, global warming is a threat whose time has come.

Since the beginning of the industrial revolution, atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide have increased nearly 30%, methane concentrations have doubled and nitrous oxide concentrations have risen 15%. All of these factors show that global warming is occurring.

With the increase of all of these elements, the potential heat-trapping of the earth has also increased.

The increase of these elements, according to some scientists, is due to the continuous use and burning of fossil fuels. According to some studies, by the year 2100, carbon

dioxide concentrations are projected to be 30-150% higher than today.

Global warming has become more evident in the past fifteen years; ten of those years were the warmest ever recorded.

Global warming not only affects the temperatures, but also the sea level.

Over the past century, global sea levels have risen 4-8 inches. The average rainfall has risen over the past century as well.

The global community has begun to take some steps to rectify these problems.

The Kyoto Protocol, an amendment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, was signed into agreement on Mar. 15, 1999, and came into force on Feb. 16, 2005.

The Kyoto Protocol assigns mandatory targets for the reduction of greenhouse gases in emissions.

There are over 160 signatory countries. These countries

do not include the United States or Australia. This is an amazing fact since the United States produces the most greenhouse gases in the world.

There are numerous

student groups like, Kyoto Now!, which use students to pressure politicians to propose legislation similar to the Kyoto Protocol. However, it seems that more should be done to reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States.

This problem may not affect the older genera-

tion, but it will most definitely affect our generation so it is up to us to make a difference and protect our environment.



Image by Peter Kuper

The Independent Movement

By Lyndsie Daikhi

A dramatic consequence of the recent mid-term elections is the increase in votes for candidates who identify themselves as Independent.

Across the nation, Independents have gained increasing support, because a number of voters are tired of the bi-partisan politics that have plagued the United States since Sept. 11, 2001.

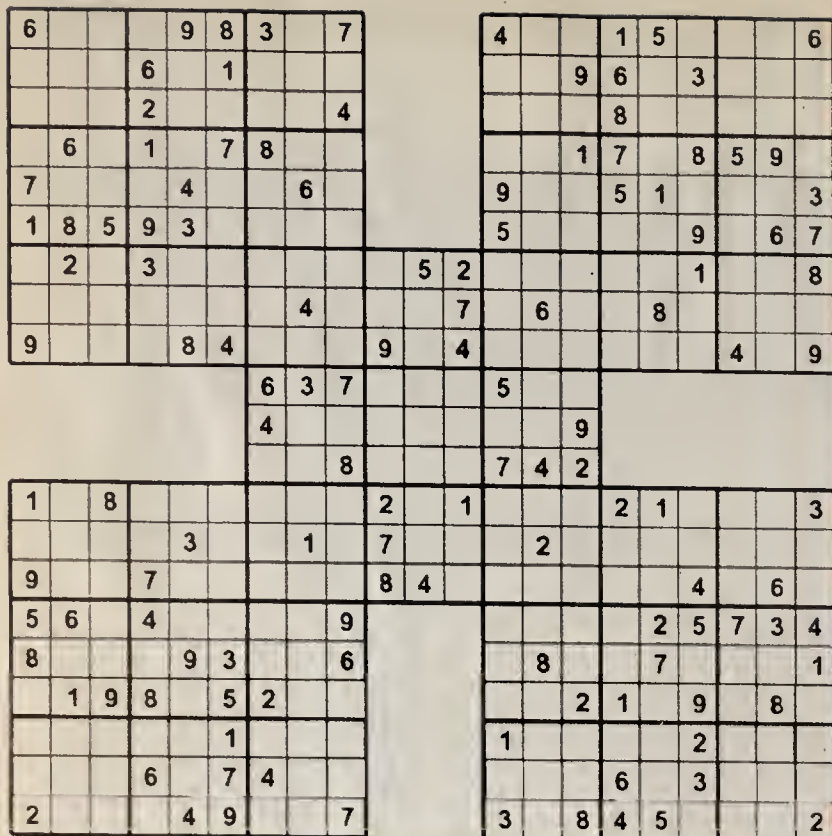
A prominent member of the Independent Party, Joe Lieberman, remained in power for the Connecticut senate seat. Formerly a Democrat, Lieberman did not win the Democratic primary in August because of his ardent support of the war in Iraq. Lieberman decided to run as

an Independent and still won. Lieberman campaigned as a moderate and drew strongly from the Republican Party. Lieberman also campaigned for a bipartisan compromise.

In the Illinois gubernatorial race, the Independent candidate, Rich Whitney, received a total 11 percent of the vote. 325,598 votes is a relatively large amount in such a highly-contested race. It also shows that voters desire a change in the government.

In Indiana, 2 percent of the vote is required to render political hopefuls into viable parties. Once a party meets the percentage requirement, they are then allowed on the ballot. If not, each candidate from that party would have to be written in on the ballot individually.

Although Indiana is still behind in the Independent movement, it is sure to catch up if the voters are still disappointed by the next election.



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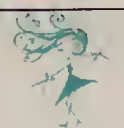
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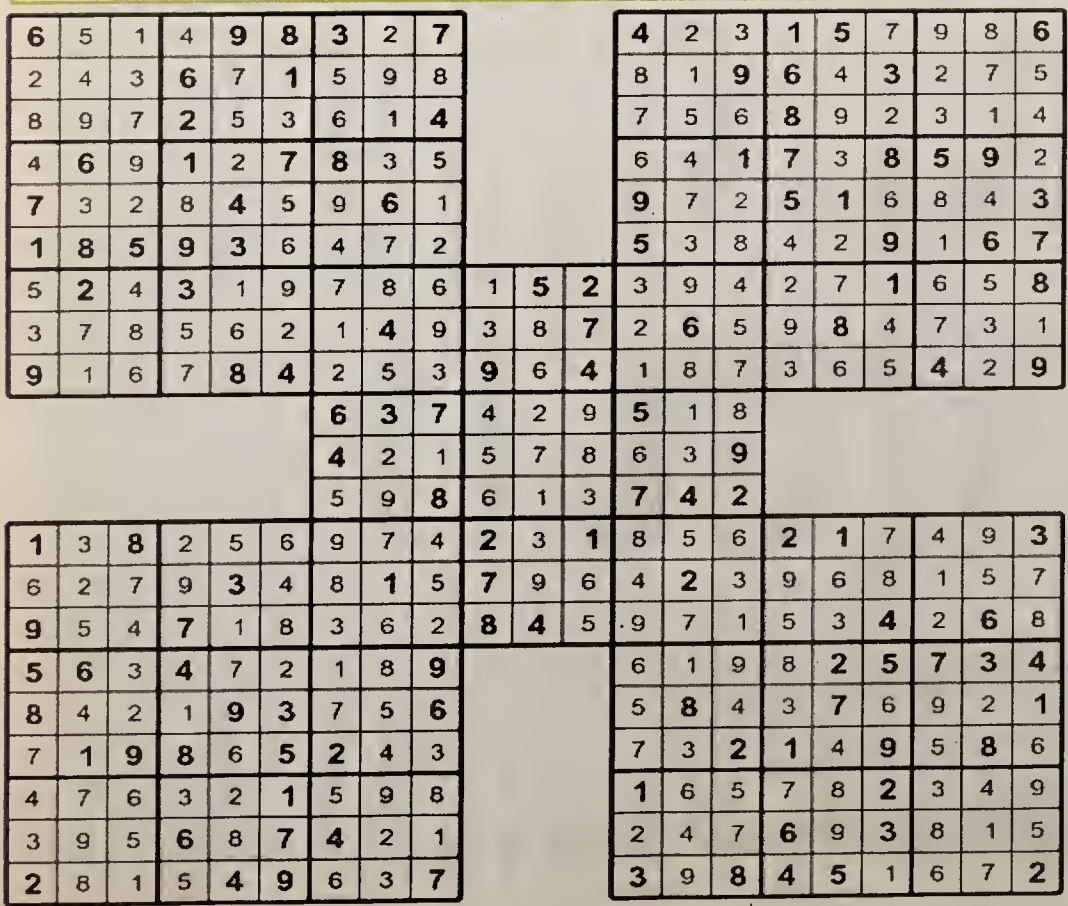
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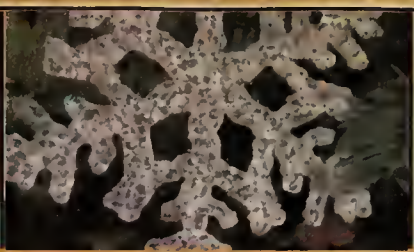
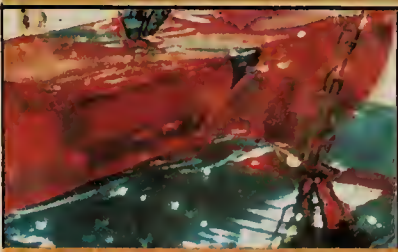
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the whole world in a
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SGA Position Opens

By April Hodge

The Student Government Association (SGA) has another opening following another impeachment due to non-attendance.

Lacy Ridge was impeached due to lack of attendance. SGA President J.D. Coggins stated that the SGA's intent is to find someone for the spot after the break. Upon returning in the spring, applications will be accepted. Coggins noted that information will be sent out when the dates are decided.



The water tower bears the PNC name for all to see.

PNC BITS

Habitat for Humanity

The date for the next Habitat for Humanity trip is Sun. Dec. 17 to Sat. Dec. 23. They will be returning to Tutwiler, Miss. with 20 participants including staff and students. They will also be taking supplies for area schools. Contact kmarrs@pnc.edu for more info.

Winter Dance Frosted Enchantment

Don't forget that the winter dance is Fri. Dec. 15 from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m.

FAFSA Renewal

Students who are eligible to file the 2007-2008 FAFSA Renewal can expect to receive reminders sometime between Jan. 17 and Feb. 16, 2007.

Students who have provided a valid e-mail address on their 2006-2007 FAFSA will receive an e-mail reminder. Reminders will be sent via regular mail to students who have not provided a valid e-mail address.

If you would like to update your email or physical address, it's not too late. Just correct, sign, and return your 2006-2007 Student Aid Report (SAR) to the address on the form or bring your corrected and signed form to the Financial Aid Office, Schwarz Hall Room 38 for assistance with your corrections.

OSHA General Industry Classes

The PNC Office of Continuing Education will offer an OSHA General Industry class that will teach how to comply with OSHA business regulations. This training is for managers and safety personnel from any type of general industry who are responsible for on-the-job safety, health, and work practices that must comply with OSHA regulations. Classes for the 30-Hour Card will meet Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 12 through Dec. 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The registration fee is \$475. To register for this course or to obtain information about this or other courses available through the PNC Office of Continuing Education, contact 219-785-5200, ext. 5343, or visit www.pnc.edu/ce. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact ext. 5343.

Rewriting PNC History -

Basketball Players Close Out November All Evened-Up

Mount Mercy College Takes home-court Revenge, 73-49

The PNC Panthers continued to show improvement over last season as they closed out November with a 4-4 record that included a win over a ranking NAIA Division II team.

The defeat of Mount Mercy College of Iowa, 78-57, on November 17 at Scholl Center also marked the first time in history PNC had overcome a nationally recognized

team.

Unfortunately, Mount Mercy took its revenge. Traveling to Cedar Rapids Tuesday, November 28, for a return engagement, the Panthers were thumped 73-49.

The final score is misleading as the Panthers were in the game until late in the second half thanks to a strong defensive effort. PNC trailed by two with two minutes to play in the first half before Mount Mercy went into the break with a 36-25 lead courtesy of a 9-0 run.

Both teams came out cold



in the second half as the teams remained within 10 points of each other. But a late 16-0 run by Mount Mercy put the game away with five minutes

remaining.

Sloppy play was the theme of the day as PNC committed 27 turnovers but forced a whopping 29 turnovers. The

Panthers also managed to shoot just 30% for the game (20 of 66) and connected on just one of 13 three-pointers, including a difficult 0-7 night for Nate Mrozinski.

Mount Mercy made the most of limited scoring opportunities by sinking 24 of 44 attempts from the floor and 21 of 26 free throws. PNC responded by making just eight of 17 from the charity stripe.

Brian Bogus led the way

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Tree Lighting Brightens Campus Holiday Spirit

By April Hodge

Great weather and participation made the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Ten clubs and organizations decorated eight trees, and afterwards everyone shared in holiday entertainment and refreshments in the LSF building.

Last minute tree decorating was being finished as the judges began their exploration into the highly-creative trees. Each club had a theme or purpose for its tree. The Social Work Club decorated by displaying beautiful ornaments interlaced with addresses for various helpful services. They took second place in the judging.

TRIO Club had the help of children from the Boys & Girls Club of Michigan City for their tree. Their tree's theme was "Tree of Diversity." The boys and girls cut out different pictures from magazines depicting the vast differences of humanity.

Student Government Association and F.A.C.E.

Committee shared a tree that took third place. Mardi Gras was the festive theme with masks, beads, and feathers abundantly placed on the tree. Jessica Trent, Education major and member of F.A.C.E. Committee, commented that "since attending PNC, I think that these have been the best decorated trees."

The Philosophy Club posted pictures of well-known philosophers, including the infamous Yoda.

Active Voices' decorated with the idea of Spreading Warmth and Cheer to those who may not be able to afford necessary clothing for cold weather. Many hats and gloves hung to the branches of the fir tree waiting for donation to the Spring Valley Shelter in Valparaiso.

Student Education Association decorated their tree with school supplies and cutouts of children's outlined hands topping the tree. It was quite a reach for Tammy Roger to get the tree topper up there,

but she succeeded.

The student newspaper, *The Voice*, teamed up with the Dean's Leadership Group and even though Dean Coggins was one of the judges, the tree failed to place. Teamwork was the theme and the decorations consisted of old issues of *The Voice* origami-style. Sara Webber and Amanda Ritthaler, members of the Dean's Leadership Group, worked hard folding the newspapers into swans, fish, and frogs.

Taking first prize was Alpha Sigma Delta with their very colorful Dr. Seuss-themed tree. Not only do the books and stuffed animals get donated, but the money used to purchase the items went to Kids' Care courtesy of Kohl's department store.

"I am happy to be a part of a project that brings joy to those who are less fortunate at Christmas," stated Cori Casten, a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda.

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First Place Winning Tree decorated by Alpha Sigma Lambda.

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Commentary

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Jessica Reports In...

NaNoWriMo is a No-Go

By Jessica Ring
Asst. Editor

November ended, as did National Novel Writing Month. Our readers may recall last month's article, wherein I arrogantly described how empowered I felt about churning out 50,000 words in 30 days.

Well, I did not do it. I concede to defeat.

Actually, I conceded to defeat about three days after writing the article. The veritable well had dried up, and I realized sometime in the early hours of the morning I had written three pages that were exactly like the three pages written the day before.

Somehow, I had written every single character into a corner. Every subplot had come full-circle without accomplishing much of anything.

The best thing for each of them, these precious figments of my imagination I had so unmercifully created, would be to go up in a brilliant blaze of flame. I typed a few more paragraphs, hands shaking like a wounded animal, before I decided that it was over. I bid



Jessica pumps up for next year.

farewell to the characters that would either be suspended in limbo forever or relegated to the obscurity of Things That Never Were. It was very ceremonious in its solemnity, actually.

It would have been more visually stimulating if I could

have actually tossed the ardously scribbled pages into the trashcan and watched them burn, but I had to suffice with simply walking away from the computer screen.

Oh, well. There's always next year.

What's on your List this year?

"I would like an apartment."

- Jasmine Reilly



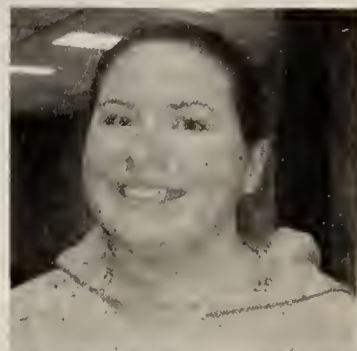
"A purse."

- Tiffany Lam



"I really want the James Bond collection of movies."

- Joey Long



"A new Nikon digital camera."

- Rachael Zehner



Can History Save the U.S.?



Daniel Cook Co-Editor

Are there any clear-thinking people that have not suffered beyond the delusion that the invasion of Iraq has been a "cakewalk"? Or that the evidence that Saddam Hussein was developing weapons of mass destruction was not the "slamdunk" the Bush administration wanted it to be? Do we now have a new definition for "mission accomplished"?

The rhetoric of "stay the course" and "you're either with me or against me" has not worked for the U.S. or Iraq. Besides leaving a wake of death and destruction, what has been achieved by this war?

Certainly some may say that the U.S. ousted a ruthless dictator that ordered the murder of his own countrymen, but has that changed the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people? No. How bold and ignorant those of us who think that a nation of nearly 27 million people can be so malleable by discourse, threats or bombs.

We need to leave Iraq. We need to let the Iraqi people map-out their own destiny. The majority of Americans have spoken in poll after poll indicating that only about 30% of us support the Iraq War policies. Is it not the duty of our representatives to support the majority through their actions?

Would we be asking too much to heed the lessons of history? Does this administration not remember Vietnam? The best thing we did for Vietnam was leave.

We learned that if you don't have a stable local government to work with sending more troops or "staying the course" will not make any difference other than in the num-

ber of filled body bags that will be sent back to us.

Did we not learn from Vietnam that wars for "freedom" and the spread of democracy resulted in nothing except the murder of millions of innocents? We did nothing to thwart the spread of communism in Vietnam and we certainly have not curbed the threat of terrorism in Iraq.

Can we not see the writing plainly on the wall? It is just a matter of time before this war spills over into Iran or Syria as it did similarly in Cambodia during the Vietnam conflict.

Again, "staying the course" did not work in

"We need to leave Iraq. We need to let the Iraqi people map-out their own destiny."

Vietnam, nor did sending more troops into that conflict. The war did not end in victory by any standards and U. S. involvement finally commenced through negotiations. Similarly, escalation of troop levels did nothing to stop the Korean War the decade before Vietnam.

Escalation did not "liberate" the North Koreans as the U. S. intended and 50 years later a divided Korea still remains with intense hostilities toward one another.

Immediate withdrawal from Iraq will not stop the momentum of chaos that is present; violence will likely

escalate. We will leave the thousands upon thousands of Iraqi's that have anything to do with the U. S. to be exterminated for cooperating with the allied forces as happened when we left Vietnam and Cambodia. Many more people will unnecessarily die and the region will remain unstable. This is true whether we bring our troops home tomorrow or ten years from now.

We must let go of the argument that if we leave Iraq immediately we will leave behind certain chaos. We can do little by adding more military might; chaos will ensue whether we stay, leave or escalate the war.

We must let go of the argument that if the U. S. pulls-out of Iraq it will become a haven and training ground for terrorist factions. Iraq is a training ground and recruiting tool for terrorists, and this war provided the conditions that have made it more effective.

We must let go of the argument that we must honor the Americans that have fought and died in Iraq by staying until we are satisfied with a victory lest their sacrifice be in vain. Rather we can honor their lives and courage by not continuing to put their brothers and sisters in harms way.

Even our warmongering ex-Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, has acknowledged that the strategy in Iraq is not working and suggests that changes need to be made.

Well Don, it's too little too late.

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Art On Campus: Fritz Olsen Installs New Sculptures

By Daniel Cook

Fritz Olsen carves out sanguine themes of innocence, purity and sensuality in his signature Sunflower Family: Father, Mother and Child, currently installed near the north entrance of Schwarz Hall on the Purdue North Central campus.

The dense white marble piece, made up of three components representing the family, features highly polished sensual and nascent lines.

The father's form is a mix of sensuous curves and highly developed, rigid crystalline structures reaching powerfully outward from its center. Within its sapient lines are small circular openings that allow sunlight through to radiate and envelope the mother and child figures.

The mother too has similar developments and is equal-



"Sunflower Family" in front of Schwarz building. The tops can turn. Try it out.

ly powerful, though the evolved segment of the flower is slightly more subtle and reaches upward to rest on an equal portion of sensual and

curvaceous matter. The balance between the linear and sensual elements along with the absence of the light-filtering apertures, as in the father figure, suggests a strength that is more harmonious and visceral.

The child represents the innocence and inexperience of childhood. It is made of the same substance as the parents and its modestly simple, curved form suggest the softness of a babe's skin and the hope of renewal through a new being.

As is common in other Olsen sculptures, Sunflower Family has a kinetic element that encourages the viewer and the environment to move and interact with the piece.

The movement of the flowers also amplifies the sociability of the three figures and breathes life into their living space.

Olsen's work at PNC is his first large piece working with the sunflower theme.

According to his wife, opera singer Martha Cares, the sculpture was begun at the urging of Chancellor Jim Dworkin and his wife, Nancy, working through the Odyssey Arts and Cultural Events Series at the Westville campus.

Sunflower Family replaces Olsen's previous work, Passage to Freedom through Winds of Change, another kinetic piece sculpted in white marble.

Other works by Fritz Olsen can be seen at the Krasl Museum in St. Joseph, Mich., and at the Kohl Children's Museum in Glenview, Ill. His gallery and workspace is located in Sawyer, Mich.



Book Review

By Jessica Ring

He's Just Not That Into You: The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys

Many avid readers will say that they have never come

only humor in the novel was the horrifying realization that the book was, at one point, the number one New York Times Bestseller.

across a book they did not like. They seek to find some good in just about any piece of drivel, making excuses for the poor writing, hoping that there had to be a reason the author dedicated months upon years finishing the book. However,

He's Just Not That Into You by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo has been spitefully chucked into the rather small personal bin of "books to avoid at all costs."

He's Just Not That Into You was both remarkably sexist and a failing on behalf of Greg Behrendt, who is normally a fairly amusing stand-up comedian. It was a sordid 176-page attempt at giving relationship advice to clueless women in a straightforward, albeit humorous way. The

What is touted as a novel of empowerment for 20-something women (think "Sex and the City") actually suggested the employment of techniques pertinent in the 1950s, when the accepted American

ideal of a woman was to play Betty Homemaker in her husband's kitchen. It depicts the ideal woman as demur, introverted, and of course, outraged at the idea of taking any sort of financial responsibility...ever.

He's Just Not That Into You is reminiscent of the McCarthy-era pamphlets instructing American women on how to succeed at her housewife duties and should be relegated to the past and all of its glorious ignorance.

Music Review

By Trilaina Sibbo



Are you sick of hearing the same tired refrains of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" being played over supermarket loudspeakers? How about something a little different this holiday season?

The Christmas Jug Band is a hysterical mix of folk music and Christmas cheer with songs such as "X-Mas Shopping Blues" and "Rudolph the Bald-Headed Reindeer."

Despite having somewhat traditional roots for their songs, these six musicians will leave you rolling in laughter just in time for the holidays.

"Mistletoe Jam" and other albums are available online from sites such as Amazon.com.

Reading from Left to Rightish

Three Authors that Have Shaped Public Perceptions of U.S. Foreign Policy

By Daniel Cook

In a time when only about 30% of Americans say that they

read books on a regular basis and with 170,000 new volumes published in the U.S. every year, where does one start reading again? Perhaps we can begin by read-

ing what the experts read, namely Hugo Chavez, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush (well, just play along)!

First up, everyone's favorite demon sniffing President of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, recommends the patron saint of the radical left: Noam Chomsky!

In a statement prepared by

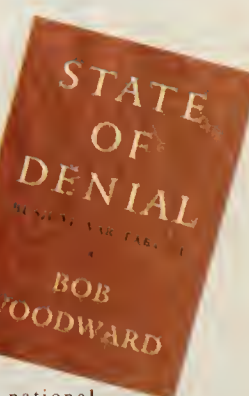
Chavez personally to help Chomsky's publisher remedy sinking book sales, he addressed the World Community:

"I would like to invite all of those, who have not had a chance, to read this book: Noam Chomsky, one of the most prestigious intellectuals of America and the world. One of Chomsky's most recent works: Hegemony of Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance."

"I think our brothers and sisters of the United States should be the first citizens to read this book because the threat is in their own house. The devil is in their home. The devil, the devil himself is in their home!"

Interestingly enough many booksellers could not keep enough of Chomsky's book on the shelves due to Chavez's sales pitch. But what of Chomsky's latest publication, *Failed States: The Abuse of Power and the Assault on Democracy*?

Chomsky attempts to frame the U.S. as a failed state. His criteria is thus: failed states are those "that do not protect their citizens from violence and perhaps even destruction, that regard themselves as beyond the reach of domestic or inter-



national law, and that suffer from a 'democratic deficit,' having democratic forms but with limited substance." Certainly we can fit this definition to any state (which may say something about the nature of the modern state) but too, what state can live-up to the criteria of a successful state then?

The work is then not exactly critical of the U.S. but of all modern states and our perceptions of the worth of contemporary political systems. It's worth reading even if you scoff and cringe with every page. And if that doesn't sell you I say: the devil himself is in your home!

Shifting to the "balanced" middleman, Bob Woodward's latest book, *State of Denial: Bush at War Part III*; when asked for his critique of the book President Bush commented that he heard it was a

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Alpha Sigma Lambda Inducts Honorary Members

PNC Kappa Delta chapter of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society recently held its 12th induction ceremony.

The PNC chapter is one of 200 Alpha Sigma Lambda chapters nationwide. The honorary was established in 1945-46 to recognize the superior scholarship and leadership of adult students. It is the oldest and largest chapter-based honor society for full- and part-time adult students.

Requirements for membership include earning a 3.7 GPA or better, being at least 24 years-old, and earning a minimum of 30 credit hours. Qualifying students receive invitations for membership at the start of fall semester.

The students inducted are: Jason Burnside, Valparaiso; Jennifer Byrne-Stasiak, Valparaiso; Julie Catarello, Valparaiso; Bradley Dimmitt, Westville; Mark Gaylord, LaPorte; Amy Hardesty-Asher, Hobart; Kori Kasten, LaPorte; Cindy Kuehn, Westville, Erica Maar, Valparaiso; Brenda Patterson, Valparaiso; Gabriela Post, New Carlisle; Frances J. Russell, Valparaiso; Angela Schest, Portage; Tracy Ryan Stone, Grovertown and Tricia A. Wiegand, Valparaiso.

Honorary membership was granted to Linda Neulieb, secretary for the Dean of Students office, who provides invaluable assistance to the club throughout the year.

The presenters included chapter President Brenda Darrol, Valparaiso; Vice President James West, Portage; Treasurer Stephen J. Bensing, Valparaiso and Secretary Ginny Borolov, Michigan City. Sheryl Sako, Wheatfield, led the pledge of membership. A \$500 scholarship was awarded to Roselyn Flitter, Walkerton. Member Dave Demmon, LaPorte, honored out-going president Brenda Darrol as Member of the Year. Barbara Clouse, Valparaiso, served as ceremony chair, with assistance from club advisor Allana Burke. The club's national councilor is Dean of Students John Coggins.

Alpha Sigma Lambda members are active on the PNC campus. The club's activities and accomplishments include: Giving a \$500 donation to the PNC students who traveled to Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina; Donating more than 40 teddy bears to Dunebrook children's advocacy center; Volunteering at the Ride or Stride event for Exceptional Equestrians Unlimited, a Porter County organization providing therapeutic horseback riding for the handicapped which raised \$12,000; Hosting a Valentine Food Drive and donating food items to the Aliveness Project in Michigan City, supporting people living with HIV; Working as judges for the Science and Technology Fair held at Valparaiso University; Staffing an informational table at each semester's Student Orientation; Providing a \$500 scholarship to a PNC student; Students also may apply for Alpha Sigma Lambda National scholarships. Awards range from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Club Involvement

By Carl Stambaugh

Club activity on campus is growing and the hope is that it continues.

While talking to Gary Demski, Director of Student Activities, he stated that when he first began his PNC career, there were only seven active clubs. As of right now, there are over thirty active clubs.

Many clubs hold campus events and engage in community affairs, such as giving presentation, hosting forums, and participating in donation drives.

If you are interested in joining a club, please contact it by looking at the PNC website under the organizations link or look for club call out during Spirit Days this spring.

Memory Tricks

By Trilaina Sibo

With finals looming closer, there is one question on every student's mind- "How am I going to remember all of this?"

Remembering the little details may be easier than many students think- and all it takes are a few lifestyle changes.

Changing your diet is not just for those who want to lose a few extra pounds. Researchers at several universities have suggested eating certain foods will help with memory. Eating breakfast is high on their list, but don't head for the cinnamon rolls just yet. People that ate sugary foods and soda for breakfast performed about as well as the average 70 year old on memory and attention tests. Researchers suggest beans on toast are a wonderful way to start your day.

Don't wrinkle your nose yet- people have found a link between high-fiber diets and improved cognitive skills. For lunch, researchers suggested salad and an omelet. The antioxidants in the salad and choline in the eggs help boost mental health and memory. Don't worry about your mid-afternoon snack, either. Try something like yogurt, but stay away from the Hostess rack.

Foods with trans-fatty acids have been linked to many mental disorders, such as ADHD and autism. Researchers also suggest finishing the day with strawberries and blueberries. Lab rats showed improved coordination, concentration, and short-term memory.

Exercise is another way of improving mental skills. Exercise promotes new brain cell growth, and helps deliver oxygen to the brain. Even yoga has its advantages. Researchers at the University of California studied various yoga positions and found the best mood-lifting position is the backbend.

The Mozart effect, found by Frances Rauscher over ten years ago, also seems to help boost mental abilities. Mozart piano sonatas were found to have the most helpful effect in stimulating the brain. Unfortunately, not everyone finds the effect. Listening to relaxing, familiar music and keeping distractions such as phone calls and car horns to a minimum will help maximize studying time, though.

One thing many people, especially students, quite often

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Top Left: Jenny Sewell & Brett Parks
Bottom Left: Gary Demski & Brittany Boardman

National Association for Campus Activities

By Carl Stambaugh

The Mid America Region NACA (National Association for Campus Activities) took place this November from the 9 to the 11. Director of Student Activities Gary Demski along with students Jenny Sewell, Brett Parks, and Brittany Boardman went to the NACA conference.

Over 800 students and 150 staff members were in attendance.

This conference allows students and staff to network with other students and staff from other institutions from OH, PA, IL, IN, and MI.

Other things this conference provides are lectures and entertainment. By presenting these types of entertainment, NACA allows different educational institutions to see what may interest their campuses in forms of entertainment.



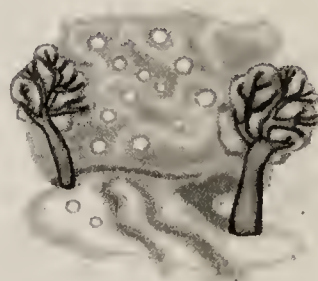
"I loved the opportunities to network with the different musicians, magicians, comedians, and of course Mr. Belding. I grew up watching that guy. He's a keeper."
- Brittany Boardman



Brett Parks also posed with Dennis Haskins (a.k.a. Mr. Belding from the television series "Saved By the Bell" that ran in the 80s).

F.A.C.E. Committee

FROSTED ENCHANTMENT



Friday, December 15, 2006

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

The Legacy
(1356 West Lincolnway in Valparaiso)

Tickets are \$10/person or two for \$15.

Join us for an evening of good music, food and fun.

A full buffet dinner will be served and a cash bar will be available.

Tickets can be purchased in The Dean of Students Office, Student Activities Office, or from:

Stephanie Warnke - swarnk00@pnc.edu
Sara Fazekas - sfazek00@pnc.edu

Also, watch for ticket tables in the cafeteria and the north entrance of the Technology Building.

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Elementary Education Earns NCATE Accreditation

The Purdue University North Central Elementary Education Department has been accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) following its recent meeting in Washington D.C.

This decision indicates that the PNC Elementary Education Department and its programs meet the rigorous standards established by the professional education community. This was the Elementary Education Department's first accreditation visit since the campus became autonomous from the Purdue West Lafayette campus. The next NCATE visit is scheduled for spring, 2011.

In order to be accredited, the department was asked to provide evidence that it meets six standards related to candidate performance and unit capacity. These standards include information on how knowledgeable teacher education candidates are in the subject areas they will teach, that they understand how children learn and develop and that they are able to implement effective teaching strategies.

"Earning NCATE accreditation is an important accomplishment for our campus. Only graduates of an accredited

teacher education program may apply for a teaching license," said PNC Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin.

"Accreditation is a voluntary, self-regulatory process that attests to the quality of the individual program's faculty and staff, the excellence of its courses, curricula and academic facilities. The accreditation process encourages a continuous assessment of departments and programming to ensure its quality, relevancy and high standards."

Dr. Cynthia Fontaine, chair of the PNC Education Department, noted that while the accreditation process was quite rigorous, it was very worthwhile.

"It allowed the Education Department faculty members to closely examine what we believe are the characteristics of effective teachers. It helped us to examine our program to ensure that our graduates have these characteristics and are able to teach our future students so that they are all successful learners. We will continue to systematically review and revise what we are doing to ensure that we maintain our quality teacher education program."

Purdue University Activists Go on Hunger Strike

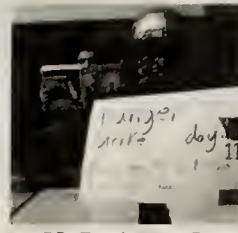
By Daniel Cook

A group of Purdue University students known as the Alliance of Libertarian Socialists, in solidarity with

the Purdue Organization of Labor Equality (POLE) and the oppressed workers of the world, went on a hunger strike and camp-in on Friday, Nov. 17, at the West Lafayette Campus. The purpose of the strike is to pressure University-operated stores to cease selling apparel manufactured in sweatshops.

The students claim that the hunger strike will continue until Purdue unequivocally accepts the Designated Suppliers Program and other anti-sweatshop measures.

Students have also been occupying various campus buildings 24 hours a day despite what they are characterizing as intense police harassment.



POLE claims that Purdue apparel that is sold at the university is likely made in sweatshops according to the independent labor practices monitoring agency, Worker Rights Consortium (WRC).

Workers from El Salvador, Mexico and the Dominican Republic visited the West Lafayette campus earlier this year to speak about the horrible conditions in the factories in their respective

countries. The workers noticed the Purdue logo and claimed that the garments were made at the factories that they had worked at in the past.

According to a Dec. 1 posting on infoshop.org, the students in support of this action have presented a petition with over 1700 signatures to Purdue University President, Martin Jischke, along with a request to move forward the scheduled meeting with the activists on Dec. 6. The request was denied by Jischke's office without explanation.

To learn more about the strike or to sign the petition visit www.purduehungerstrike.org.

Active Voices

Poverty

By Camie Tyler

Half the world - nearly three billion people - live on less than two dollars a day.

The GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of the poorest 48 nations is less than the wealth of the world's three richest people combined.

Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names.

Less than one per cent of what the world spent every year on weapons was needed to put every child into school

by the year 2000 and yet it didn't happen.

One billion children live in poverty (1 in 2 children in the world). 640 million live without adequate shelter, 400 million have no access to safe water, and 270 million have no access to health services. 10.6 million died in 2003 before they reached the age of 5 (or roughly 29,000 children per day).

In 1960, the 20% of the world's people in the richest countries had 30 times the income of the poorest 20% - in 1997, 74 times as much.

The developing world spends \$13 on debt repayment for every \$1 it receives in grants.

A few hundred million-

aires now own as much wealth as the world's poorest 2.5 billion people.

2.2 million children die each year because they are not immunized.

15 million children are orphaned due to HIV/AIDS. (<http://www.globalissues.org/TradeRelated/Facts.asp>)

Statistics on poverty in Indiana

Over 100,000 people are living at 125% below the poverty line in Lake and Porter Counties. 34% to 43% of those are children. www.foodbanknwi.org

In 2003, 570,409 to 648,882 people were living in poverty in Indiana. www.census.gov

"Over 100,000 people are living at 125% below the poverty line in Lake and Porter Counties: 34% to 43% of those are children."

Rotaract Club

Rotaract Club is a service-based club sponsored by the local Rotary Club. We do various activities throughout to improve our community. We have guest speakers at each meeting that relate to our members' majors. This year we hope to take a trip to the United Nations in New York with the Chancellor.

Meetings are held twice month on every other Tuesday in Tech 160 at 11:30 am.

Fall Semester Meeting Dates:
December 5th

Guest Speakers:
1/21 Yvonne Lindborg from Kinsbury Elevator
12/5 Jason Sethre General Manager from The Herald-Argus

Please contact Vice Chancellor Joe Goepfrich at jgoepfrich@pnc.edu or club President Crystal Delgado at cdelga00@pnc.edu if joining or have any questions.

TRiO Club Announcement

December 10 Study Day
January 29 Task of Diversity
February 13-14 Valentine Carnations
April 26 Mr. PNC

Spanish Club
Wishes everyone
Feliz Navidad.

Student Government Association

The SGA meets every Friday at 3 p.m. in LSF 204. All are welcome to attend.

Mark your calendar...
The 2nd annual Northwest Indiana Leadership

A date and location was determined for the spring student leadership conference. The event will take place on March 23, 2007, at Valparaiso University.

Pass the word along.

Think Spring Break
For your best travel deal call P.J.'s Travel
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PNC Site of NCLEX-RN® Review Course

PNC will be the site of a National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®) Review Course presented by Sylvia Rayfield and Associates, Inc., on Jan. 3, 4 and 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Technology Building Room 301. The NCLEX-RN® Review Course is open to any nursing student in Northern Indiana from any university. Sylvia Rayfield and Associates have a 98 percent pass rate for students who have participated in the NCLEX review course.

Interested students may sign up via the Sylvia Rayfield website at www.sylviarayfield.com or by calling 1-800-234-0575 for telephone registration. Information pamphlets are available in the PNC Nursing office in Technology Building Room 357.

Early registration is encouraged to guarantee a seat. The fee is \$280 for those who sign up at least seven days before the workshop begins. The fee includes the cost of two books, "Nursing Made Insanely Easy" and "NCLEX-RN 101: How to Pass."

Payment options are available through Sylvia Rayfield and Associates.

Human Interest

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THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CONFUSION

By Megan Marrs

It's that time of the year again. Trees are up and decorated, the Clark Griswold in us all has come out to light up the outside of our homes; the smell of mistletoe and candy canes is imminent through the air as you travel from place to place.

Christmas is just around the corner! Many of us are left wondering what exactly to get that special someone or quirky office friend for a holiday gift. With so many options out there (and such skimpy lists from those people in your life) it's difficult to find the perfect gift.

There are many top gifts out on the shelves ranging from affordable to extremely outlandish. Here are just a few ideas to help you cope with the 12 days of Christmas Confusion!

For him

Playstation 3 \$399



Let's face it, no matter how hard we try, guys will always be distracted by video games. Why not surprise him with the hottest gift out on the market? Play Station 3. This can keep your guy entertained for hours on end allowing you to go out shopping or the spa with your girls. Show him how much you care and splurge on this gaming system. \$399

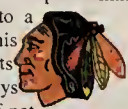
Remote Car Starter
MSRP: \$129.99 - Just: \$64.99

Tired of freezing inside of your car while it heats up during the cold winter months??

The Commando EZ-2500 Remote Control Car Starter is just what you need to keep warm during the frigid weather. You can relax inside of your warm house as your windows defrost and your seats heat up. Perfect gift for the man in your life.

Chicago Blackhawks Tickets
\$15-\$135

Why not surprise him with tickets to a game for his favorite sports team? All guys love sports, if not, then they should. What would be better than seeing the excitement on his face Christmas morning with tickets to the Black Hawks game?? Tickets range from \$15-\$135. Be sure to mention you're a student to take advantage of the student ticket price!



For her

Citizen Ladies' Eco-Drive Corso Titanium Bracelet Watch

Is that special lady in your life always running late... or opposite and always needing to be on time? Why not help make her on time while sleek and stylish with the Citizen Eco-Drive Watch. She'll always have the time slapped on her wrist. No more waiting for you, no more asking, "What time is it?" This is the perfect gift for the fashionable lady in your life. Price Range: \$138.00 - \$206.25

Sterling Silver Loop Heart Pendant Price: \$45

Don't let her fool you. All women love jewelry. Whether

her style is low key or extravagant, there is a piece of jewelry she will love.

Bluenile.com offers many options to pick from ranging in all price budgets. This season hearts, diamond trails and circles are what is in style. Put a twinkle in her eye and let the jewelry shine off of her radiant smile when she unwraps a beautiful masterpiece which you picked out.

Pavé Heart Album \$25.00

Show her how much you care by creating a scrap book of all of the times you have shared together. You will blow her mind when she opens this fabulous gift. There are many options you can choose from: color, scrap book type, leather bound rich mahogany to show off that you're pretty much a big deal or just a simple photo album. Personal touches and gifts from the heart go a long way with the ladies.

Pet

Don Don Dog Body Pillow
\$34.99

<http://www.perpetualkid.com>

Grow Your Own Catnip \$5.49
<http://www.perpetualkid.com>

Pesky office-mate

Beach Break Mini-Executive Sandbox \$9.99

<http://www.perpetualkid.com>

Shocking Stapler \$4.99
<http://www.perpetualkid.com>

Let's face it, you want to get the point across to your office mate that you really aren't fond of them but feel like you have to buy them something for the holidays. Without spending much

cash, you can do just that. The Beach Break mini sandbox, shocking stapler and elephant paper shredder will tell them, "Ya, I thought of you... but I don't think that much of you."

Professor

Books
www.borders.com

Book or gift card from Borders is the perfect way to thank your professor for teaching you so much throughout the semester. There are books, dvds, cd's, magazines, stationary and games available for them to choose from.

Wine
www.cataculalake.com

Was it a difficult semester?? Do you think your professor will need a nice beverage to relax come the end of finals?? Wine is an excellent choice for a holiday gift for your professor. With so many types to choose from you will be sure to impress your professor and maybe even get them a little tipsy and bump your grade up, just a little. [Editor's note: *The Voice* does not recommend that you try to get your professor drunk.]

A thank you Card
www.bumblebdesign.com

This may seem cheesy and down right brown-nose like, but a standard thank you is a great way to let your favorite professor know just how much you enjoyed taking his or her class this semester.

Mom
Spa Package
<http://www.gaiaretreat.com>



Moms work hard everyday, treat her to a pampered afternoon at the spa. There are many in the area that offers full service to mini massage packages. Let her relax during this holiday season with a trip to the spa.

Crystal Lace Love Throw
\$50.00
www.thingsremembered.com

Moms like this kind of thing: If there are grandkids involved, then mark the family history on a blanket that she can showcase in the home. It will keep her warm and add a delicate classiness to her décor.

Books
www.barnesandnoble.com

If your Mom is into reading, the Barnes and Noble gift card is the perfect option if you're unsure about what book she would like to read next.

The gift cards are available in all amounts. The card is even usable in the Starbucks café located right inside of the store!

Dad

Tweed half-zip sweater \$68.00
www.gap.com

Tired of seeing Dad in the same ol' Cosby sweater? Me too. Update his wardrobe with Gap's Tweed half-zip sweater. Warm, cozy, stylish... he'll be the talk of the town wearing this! Available in Branch and Black.

Stainless 11 Tool Pocket Knife

\$25.00
www.thingsremembered.com

Daaaadd... what do you want for Christmas!? If you're like me, buying parents new and creative gifts is never easy. Will they use what I get them?? Will they really like it?? Why not try this Stainless 11 Tool pocket knife because you never know when a wild grizzly bear will appear.

Merona® Degrade Stripe Necktie - Black \$19.99
www.target.com

Ahhh yes, the staple Christmas present for all Dads-the tie. Target has tackled the tie scene and come out victorious with many new designs to surprise Dad with this year. From solid vibrant colors to stripes and polka dots, you will be sure to find the perfect one to suit your Dad's style.

Your Crush

Matte Finish Stainless Flask \$20.00
www.thingsremembered.com

What better way to warm someone's heart and bones than with an engraving flask for them to hold their favorite booze.

Things Remembered has many styles to choose from. If you're feeling generous, tag on some cognac or Jim Beam to help keep that warm and fuzzy feeling when the weather gets

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Holiday Away from Home

By Lyndsie Daikhi

What would it be like to be away from home during the holidays? How would one feel to be living in a completely different country than their family? This scenario is all too real to PNC assistant professor of English Shelia Barry a Canadian who is originally from Alberta, but has also lived in Montreal, and who has also lived in the United Arab Emirates, recounts the holiday seasons.

"In Canada, Thanksgiving is in October and it is a much smaller holiday than it is here. It seems in Canada that in every month there is a three day weekend, so I guess that is why Thanksgiving is in October. Also, Thanksgiving in Canada does not kick off the holiday season."

The Christmas holiday, in the US is becoming less about Christmas and more secular some schools have even stopped calling their Christmas breaks, Christmas breaks and have begun calling them holiday or winter breaks. This is a similarity that Prof. Barry founds similar to Canada:

"In Canada, we don't even call trees Christmas trees, we call them holiday trees."



Asst. Professor
Shelia Barry

Although there are similarities in the holiday season in Canada and the US there are also several differences in a Canadian Christmas and a Christmas in the US.

"We really don't celebrate Christmas in the theology sense of the word; we celebrate the winter season more" explained Prof. Barry.

Barry has also taught and lived in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Since the United Arab Emirates is a Muslim country, Barry found the holiday season very different.

"During the holidays there are no signs in the streets or at work, the only signs of Christmas are in the shopping

"In Canada, we don't even call trees Christmas trees, we call them holiday trees."

malls."

Food is an important aspect of the holiday season. During what other time can you get eggnog or other delectable items that are available during the holidays? There are very few times during the year when food is as important as it is during the holiday season.

Prof. Barry commented on the aspect of food, "When we had Thanksgiving in the UAE, they mashed turnips instead of potatoes. Although they tried it was just not the same as an old-fashioned Thanksgiving like it is here."

Despite all of the differences that Prof. Barry has encountered while living abroad during the holiday season, there is one that is similar no matter where she was.

"The one thing that I missed the most was being with family; to me, the holidays are all about family and getting together with family," she said.

Career Corner

Be Prepared to Discuss Why you Left

Everyone has left a position at one time or another. Whether your reasons were somewhat straightforward or rather complicated, it's important not only to be prepared to discuss the reasons you have switched jobs, but to handle the difficult questions you may face regarding your job changes.

First of all, this topic should not be discussed on your resume or in a cover letter. Your reasons for leaving certain positions should be covered during an interview. As always, be honest about the reasons you left. Remember that this information can be verified with a simple call to the company. Also remember that when discussing the topic of switching jobs, as with any topic, it's not always what you say, but how you say it that is important. Below are listed two reasons for switching jobs that are difficult to handle in an interview and how you may want to discuss them with a potential employer.

You were fired. Never just say "I was fired" with no further explanation. Keep in mind that most people have been let go from at least one job in their past, or have had a position where if they hadn't left on their own, they knew their supervisor would've let them go soon enough. Be honest. If the firing happened because of something you clearly did wrong, admit that, but be prepared to emphasize the fact that you learned from that experience and will not make the same mistakes again.

A good answer might go something like this: I was young when I worked at ABC Company, and I'm afraid I had a lot to learn about responsibility and dedication. At that time in my life, I was still struggling to find out what career path I wanted to pursue, and, knowing that job was temporary, I did not take it at all seriously.

You and your boss absolutely did not get along. Personality conflicts at work are inevitable to a certain degree, but when you have a serious conflict with your boss, the outcome can be very messy. Once again, remember that almost everyone has experienced some type of conflict within their own workplace at one time or another. Be sure not to get into the "blame game" - no matter how horrible a person you feel your former boss was, NEVER speak negatively of a former employer in an interview. Very few personality conflicts are totally one-sided - both parties must share at least part of the blame. Be honest, but diplomatic, when explaining a personality conflict. Once again, keep in mind that less is more in this situation, and there is nothing to be gained from explaining every ugly detail about the conflicts you and your boss had. A straightforward, no-nonsense approach works best.

A good response might sound something like this: "I really loved the work I performed in that position. I was constantly being challenged and allowed to think freely about new and better ways to accomplish organizational goals; however, my supervisor and I had very different ideas about how I should be supervising the employees under me. Her management style was very different than mine, and although we spoke numerous times about our differences, we were never able to reach a compromise that we both felt comfortable with. Eventually, I decided that it would be best for me and the organization if we parted company."

For more information about effective job searching, schedule an appointment with the PNC Office of Career Development by contacting Linda by phone at 219-785-5230 or by e-mail at lnleulieb@pnc.edu.

extra cold.

Animal Alarm Clock \$9.99
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Feeling unsure about someone in your life but want to give them something for the Holidays?? There's no better way to handle that problem than by giving them a clock. These animal clocks are friendly, cute and will get the job done. There are 5 different animals to choose from. So get that friend of yours a pet clock and let them know how you really feel.

The One You Love
International Star Registry
www.starregistry.com

Name a Star, that's right, an actual star! What better way is there to show the one you love how much you care? There's something magical about the sky and knowing you're a part of it makes it that much more special. immortalize your lover by naming a star after them and make this Christmas even more magical than ever before. \$54.00-\$139 Plus S&H

Wicked on Broadway Chicago
www.ticketmaster.com

Wicked is the hottest show out on Broadway. Tickets are difficult to get but if you're lucky you can snag some. Prices range from \$34-\$122.50. This show is amazing. Create a magical evening by taking the one you love to see it today!

Diamond Anything
www.bluenile.com

Thinking of proposing or just dropping some cash on a beautiful piece of jewelry? Blue Nile offers a build your own, ring, earring, necklace website that allows you to truly create the perfect gift to tell the one you love just how much you really care.

Price ranges are excellent and the quality/certification

are 100%. Blue Nile is unlike any other web-based jeweler because they back up their products with a 100% satisfaction and quality guarantee. Shop today and have it shipped in by Christmas!

The One with Everything
Faucet Light \$14.49
www.perpetualkid.com

So they say they have everything, eh?? Buying gifts for those gadget junkies or eBay addicts who seem to have everything under the sun can be a rather difficult task. A way to spruce up their day is by surprising them with this excellent faucet light by Perpetual Kid. The Faucet Light turns an ordinary faucet into a streaming crystal blue light source.

Simply turn on your water and the internal pressure switch activates the light source. Turn off the water and the light goes off. Fun and functional for a kid's bathroom, but even better to add excitement to your wet bar or kitchen sink when you throw a cocktail party.

USB Mouse with Laser Pointer and Thermometer \$16.99
www.perpetualkid.com

"What's the weather like?? Is it cold?? How Hot is it??" Do you frequently hear those questions? I don't know about you, but I do. This USB Optical Mouse has a built-in laser pointer and thermometer. Compact size is perfect for throwing in your laptop bag. Retractable cord makes for fast getaways! The perfect portable gift for the weather conscious.

Candy Bra or G-String \$8.95
www.perpetualkid.com

Why not spice the holidays up with something a little sweet and racy. This gift comes in hundreds of different flavored candy beads.

The World Traveler
http://uk.gizmodo.com

Who doesn't enjoy listening to some tunes while soaring through the air in an airplane? Or discovering the sites and culture of somewhere new with the perfect background music?

iPod Nano changes the way you experience your music and any life. Why not provide the perfect gift for the globe trotter in your life. iTunes are available on apple.com where you can pick mixes to add to the Nano or they can pick some great tunes. Nano comes in all GB sizes as well as colors. \$149.00

Nikon Cool Pix S6 6.0MP Digital Camera
List Price: \$399.95
Overstock.com: \$247.99

With all of the sites offered around the world, documenting your trip is most important. Many digital cameras don't provide the quality clickies you want to show off to friends and family.

The Nikon Cool Pix is the perfect gift for the world traveler in your life. It's sleek and has high quality along with the capability to connect to Wi-Fi internet which supports wireless photo transfer

SIGG 0.6L Lifestyle 2006 Series 1 - Reusable Bottles \$19.95
www.reusablebags.com

European travel is all about fashion, culture and adventure. The Sigg original swiss bottle is the item that suits all of those needs. With over 100 different combinations to choose from, you will be sure to find the perfect bottle to suit your friends needs.

Keep that pal from getting cotton-mouth while globe trotting and let him or her unwrap this beautiful gift Christmas morning, then hit those Alps.



DVD

Love Actually is a fantastic holiday movie about love, hope and the holidays. You can never go wrong with a dvd. Pick out their favorite one or something different for them to enjoy.



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“An Inconvenient Truth”

By Lyndsie Daikhi

“An Inconvenient Truth” is a documentary by Davis Guggenheim, more or less starring former vice-president Al Gore. It is both an eye-opening and compelling view of the future of our society and especially of Earth.

“An Inconvenient Truth” was released in a small number of movie theaters in May 2006, but is now available online, in stores, and even on the rental circuit.

It has been chosen as the official selection of the 2006 Sundance Film Festival and also as the official selection of the 2006 Cannes Film Festival.

The movie consists of a

slide show presentation filled with disturbing facts about the relationship between the increase in carbon dioxide and the increase in global temperatures. The slides are bleak images of melting glaciers and the powerful and chilling projections of sea level growth due to the melting of the glaciers. This may sound boring, but it is surprisingly engaging.

This movie stresses the importance of stopping global warming by reducing the amount of carbon dioxide that is in the atmosphere. In the movie, Al Gore states that there is a “moral imperative” to do this.

Although this film dis-

plays plenty of unknown facts, it is far from giving all of the information known about global warming. It is rather a stepping stone encouraging the viewer to pursue other forms of media to gain the entire truth about global warming.

World renowned movie critic Roger Ebert had this to say about the film:

“In 39 years, I have never written these words in a movie review, but here they are. You owe it to yourself to see this film.”

The film is most definitely a must see so that no one is left surprised when the world as we know it changes dramatically in the next fifty years.

Wal-Mart Enters Indian Market

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Although Wal-Mart is technically considered a global market, there is still one potentially lucrative market that has remained untapped for years.

On Nov. 27, Wal-Mart announced a joint venture with Indian partner Bharti Enterprises, the number one cell phone retailer in India, to open hundreds of Wal-Mart superstores. This escapade will start in 2007 and grow gradually over the next five years.

The entrance of the Wal-Mart superstore into the Indian markets has been slow because of the fear that large Western retailers would ravage the mom-and-pop shops that sustain many families in India.

Even some small retailers have taken up the fight against large Western corporations.

Protests erupted after a court order closed more than 30,000 small shops that were being operated illegally in New Delhi.

To bypass such obstructions, Wal-Mart has found two loopholes: foreign retailers are allowed to operate through franchisees and they are also permitted to invest their own



capital into wholesale shops.

The Indian government also helped Wal-Mart's cause in January by legally allowing international companies to set up single-brand retail chains and own up to 51 percent in them.

It is expected that the country of India's retail volume will create annual rev-

enues between 10 and 50 billion. This will be significant to Wal-Mart as well, which reported 312 billion in revenue last year.

Wal-Mart not only hopes that this venture will help the people of India, but their bottom line as well.

Giuliani Files to Explore Bid for Presidency

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Even though the midterm elections are now over, the political machine never stops. Former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani filed papers with the Federal Election Commission to create an exploratory committee.

This committee will allow Giuliani to raise and spend money on polls and travel. However, these filings do not declare Giuliani as an official candidate for the presidency or allow him to create a substantial fund account.

The creation of this exploratory committee should surprise no one. Throughout the midterm election campaign, Giuliani visited 25 states to campaign for Republican candidates.

Many proponents believe that Giuliani will give the Republican Party a valid chance at the 2008 presidential election. Also, former presidential hopeful Senator John McCain filed papers to create a committee.



Career Corner - The Key to Job Search Success

We've all heard job search horror stories about people who graduated with bachelor's degrees, and have been looking for a job for 3 years in their field with no success. Stories like these tend to spread like wildfire, and can be discouraging and depressing to job seekers, leaving them with a feeling of hopelessness regarding their own job search.

In most cases, however, there is at least one, and often several, very legitimate and tangible reasons why a job seeker has been unsuccessful. Quite frequently, ineffective job seekers are failing to sell themselves and their skills effectively. One of the cardinal rules of job seeking is this: **effective job seekers can identify, illustrate, and articulate marketable skills, and ineffective job seekers cannot.**

Identifying Marketable Skills – Job searching for professional-level positions is a competitive process. With many – sometimes tens or hundreds – equally degreed people vying for one position, your mission as job seekers is to convince the hiring authority that you are the best candidate for the job. Just like any sales activity, a product cannot be sold effectively until the salesman can identify the features and benefits of the product being sold. This is true for job seekers as well. How can you possibly sell yourself effectively if you don't know what your “selling points” are? In other words, what is so great about you? What makes you a better investment than the other candidates? What makes you uniquely qualified for the position? If you don't know the answer to those questions, you probably will not be an effective job seeker.

Illustrating Marketable Skills – It's not enough to be able to just identify your marketable skills, you also have to give examples to back them up. Hiring authorities need to see examples of how a job seeker has used or developed a skill in order to be convinced that the job seeker does indeed have the skills they claim. Reminding yourself of those valuable learning experiences you've had through school, work, volunteering, or other parts of your life, is very important to your job search.

Articulating Marketable Skills – Once you have identified marketable skills, and have an example to illustrate each one, you must be able to talk about them effectively. You may be extremely qualified and the perfect fit for a position, but if you can't effectively convince an employer of this, your job search will fall short. As a job seeker, you need to practice talking about these issues, and rehearse your answers to commonly asked interview questions, just as if you were preparing for a speech or presentation for a class. Knowing these things in your head is much different than telling someone else about them in a way they can understand and connect with. When it comes to selling yourself effectively, practice makes perfect!

For more information about job searching, resume writing, or interviewing, make an appointment with a staff member in the Office of Career Development, Dean of Students Office, LSF 103, or contact Linda by phone at 219-785-5230 or e-mail at lnuelieb@pnc.edu. You can also download a copy of “The Complete Job Search Handbook” at our home page – www.pnc.edu/careers.

Saddam Appeals His Death Sentence

By April Hodge

As expected, former Iraq leader Saddam Hussein has issued an appeal regarding his death sentence. Hussein was sentenced to death by hanging for crimes against humanity inflicted in 1982 on a mainly Shi'ite town, Dujail, in which 148 people were killed.

The violence in Iraq has steadily worsened since Saddam Hussein's controversial trial began and the verdict was announced. According to the U.S. Human Rights Watch group, the trial has had “serious administrative, procedural and substantive legal defects.”

Saddam Hussein's lawyers stated that they have

had problems filing appeal papers. This current appeal was finally registered just two days before time would have expired. They have questioned the legitimacy of the court from the start, have boycotted the trial itself after three of Saddam's lawyers were assassinated and a judge replaced, and Saddam has emphasized that the U.S.'s “malicious” desire coerces the court towards a guilty verdict.

The Iraqi government and prosecutors disagree. Iraqi Prime Minister, Nouri Al Maliki, a Shia, hailed the verdict, saying, “It is a verdict on a whole dark era that...was unmatched in Iraq's history.”

Saddam is currently



engaged in his second trial where he and six others are said to have participated in war crimes and crimes against humanity where 100,000 Kurds were killed in northern Iraq, which is predominately Kurdish.

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'really good book.'

Well, we all know our President is a plain spoken man. So to help him out allow me to qualify the 560 page, *State of Denial* as a book worthy of listening to on books-on-tape.

It's not that *State of Denial* is a bad book; in fact it's written quite well, of course, and the research to compile the volume is amazing; but it primarily confirms (again) what we already know:

First, that Bush had plans to invade Iraq just 71 days after 9/11 (which the U.S. did 16 months later).

Second, although the Bush administration had publicly stated the situation in Iraq was improving, the Pentagon, the White House and other government agencies issued internal reports that admitted that the situation was getting worse.

And third, the book ends with Woodward's assessment, "With all Bush's upbeat talk and optimism, he had not told the American public the truth about what Iraq had become."

Basically, we've been lied to. Of course the book is riddled with top-secret materials only Woodward can get his hands on along with super-secret discussions in which he writes not only as if he knew what was said at these meetings, but also what was going through their minds.

State of Denial is so thick with drama that it reads like a mix of *The New York Post*, *King Lear*, and Woodward doing Woodward.

And on to the rightish, President Bill Clinton recommends former National Security Council Staff member, Richard Clarke's book, *Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror*. In an interview with Fox News commentator, Chris Wallace, Clinton served-up a sales-pitch that nearly sent Wallace to the hospital:

"Look at what he (Clarke) said; read his book - his factual assertions, not opinions, assertions. He said we took vigorous action after the African Embassies - we probably nearly got Bin Laden. I authorized the CIA to try to get groups together to try to kill him. Anybody who wants to say that I didn't do enough, you read Richard Clarke's book!"

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- Bill Clinton

Against All Enemies is worth reading if you want to answer those "what if..." questions. In the least, go to your nearest bookstore and read the first chapter in which Clarke describes in vivid detail the controlled chaos that ensued in the White House directly after the 9/11 attacks. To be warned though: he will leave you wondering how he remembered exactly what Condi and Cheney said in those heated moments let alone himself.

Also, at the end of the book Clarke makes his argument that the war in Iraq has destabilized the primary objective of the war against terrorism and Al Qaeda. He also argues that the Iraq War has resulted in further hatred of the U.S. and will have serious repercussions in the Islamic world.



Sara Fazekas belts out vocals while Wade Breitzke tickles the ivories.

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Chancellor Dworkin encouraged everyone to help others out during the holidays by finding at least one charitable thing that each person could do.

After the ceremony, happy people dashed into the LSF building for refreshments and entertainment.

The PNC Cheerleading Squad put on a wonderfully energetic performance to start off the event.

Wade Brietzke, new SGA member, entertained all with his amazing accompaniment at the piano while Brett Parks strummed his six-string to "Jingle Bells."

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forget they need is sleep. Pulling an all-nighter to study for the big test might hurt your grade more than it helps. Getting extra sleep helps people perform better on things that need attention and concentration- like tests. Sleep helps the brain process information and solve problems.

These tips will help, but as much as we hate to do it, studying will help your test scores quite a bit more than walking into your final exams without cracking a book. Maybe someone will find a way around that next year.

For more information, visit www.space.newscientist.com.

Hiring all positions! Red Robin, located at 3004 John Howell Dr. in Valparaiso, IN, is hiring on site now. Apply in person M-Sat 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

PNC MLK SERVICE DAY

PNC students, faculty and staff are encouraged to sign up for this special project to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Volunteers are needed to help paint, assist in kitchen clean-up, and artistic talent is also needed to paint decorative murals and stencil art on the walls.

Monday, January 15, 2007
12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.
La Porte Family YMCA
(located at 901 Michigan Ave.)

To be part of this event, please sign-up in the Student Activities Office in LSF 78/80.
For more information contact Gary Demski at gdemski@pnc.edu



"...everyone here at Purdue North Central has a safe holiday season..."

Global Warming: Tropical Frogs Vanishing

From Mother Earth News magazine

By Tabitha Alterman

For the first time, scientists have documented a link between global warming - perhaps better described as human-induced climate disruption - and the significant loss of amphibian biodiversity. Alan Pounds, an ecologist at the Tropical Science Center's Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve in Costa Rica, led a team of 14 scientists that investigated the disappearance of more than 70 species of harlequin (*Atelopus* sp.) frogs in Central and South America. More than half of these frog species have gone extinct.

Researchers had identified the chytrid fungus *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* as the villain wiping out harlequin frogs, but until this study, published in the journal *Nature*, no one knew why the fungus had taken such a toll. Pounds' team found the major culprit to be rising tropical temperatures and shifting weather patterns. "Disease is the bullet killing frogs, but climate change is pulling the trigger," Pounds says. The researchers found that, more than 80 percent of the time, higher tropical temperatures corresponded to the disappearance of *Atelopus* species. After one unusually warm year, 1987, five species were lost.

From 1975 to 2000, average temperatures in the

American tropics rose three times faster than the rate for the planet over the entire 20th century. This drastic increase has resulted in more water evaporation, less mist and a higher, thicker cloud cover in the region. The heavy clouds block enough sunlight to keep daytime temperatures lower than normal. But at night, the cloud cover prevents heat from escaping the atmosphere, leading to higher temperatures. The researchers argue that this combination of daytime cooling and nighttime warming creates an ideal environment for the chytrid fungus to thrive. Normally, this region is subject to temperature extremes that keep the fungus in check.

The researchers used satellite imaging to check for deforestation and concluded with "very high confidence" that global warming - not the destruction of habitat - has led to the simultaneous demise of harlequin frogs in diverse habitats. Arturo Sanchez-Azofeifa, one of the study's authors, says there is "absolutely a linkage between global warming and this disease - they go hand-in-hand."

Because amphibians have moist, permeable skin, they are

highly sensitive to environmental change - even to minor shifts in temperature, humidity or water quality - and thus are unique indicators of ongoing climate disruption. The deadly chytrid fungus attacks the lunglike skin of these frogs and kills them.

Sanchez-Azofeifa is worried that too much of the climate change discussion concerns industrialized areas. Meanwhile, extremely sensitive ecosystems - such as tropical forests - receive little attention.

Shifting temperatures and weather patterns - caused by the burning of fossil fuels and other human activities - endanger plants and animals worldwide. According to Pounds' team, "Climate-driven epidemics are an immediate threat to biodiversity ... the urgency of reducing greenhouse gas concentrations is now undeniable."

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Dear Starchild,

I am a returning freshman and I am almost 30. However I am starting to feel that I may have made a mistake in coming back to college. Do you have any suggestions that may help me make the right decision? I have always prided myself on making a good decision but this one has me stumped.

Dazed & Confused

Dazed & Confused,

No one can make a decision but you. If you want to continue going to school to further your education that is wonderful.

However if you decide to quit going to school that is your choice. A person that graduates college earns on average an additional \$24,000 a year.

Just so you know if you quit then everyone will think that you are a quitter and to be honest I would be one of them. Don't be an idiot. Sometimes things get hard in one way or another and all you have to do

is find a way to work all the kinks out.
Celestially Yours,
Starchild

Dear Starchild,

I am 22 years old and I still live with my parents I am a junior and I plan on graduating within 3 semesters but lately my parents are driving me nuts. I brought my girlfriend home the other night and my parents totally freaked. And now my parents are trying to give me a curfew and I think that is really wrong.

I mean I am over 18 so why should I have a curfew? What do you think would be a satisfactory way to handle this situation?

Family in Trouble

Dear Family in Trouble,

Quit whining you big sissy. You live at home and have no bills to pay. No rent. No utilities to pay. No insurance. So what's the problem? As far as the curfew you are living in your parent's home you should be more than accommodating in

their rules. And as far as bringing your girlfriend home that is just wrong. You could have gone to a hotel. If you don't like these suggestions grow up and move out act like an adult and get your own place. Then you won't have a curfew or have to worry about when you can bring your girlfriend over.
Celestially Yours,
Starchild

To all of my readers,

Just a note to say Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. For all of you who have wrote into my column. And to those of you who haven't, what the hell were you thinking?! Besides that I hope that everyone here at Purdue North Central has a safe holiday season and I hope all of us return here to PNC in January with a fresh new attitude and remember to make your New Years resolution. Well have a great one guys and gals.

Starchild

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for the Panthers with 11 points while Adam Dobrzeniecki added 10 points. Rodney Wash contributed 11 rebounds for PNC, who was out-rebounded 35-32.

Indiana Tech Loss 93-68

The Panthers dropped another decision, 93-68, to Indiana Tech Saturday afternoon, November 25, in Fort Wayne. PNC struggled from the outset and fell behind 47-30 at halftime as they connected on just 39% of their shots.

Unfortunately, the second half didn't prove to be much better as the Panthers connected on 15 of 33 shots and just one of nine three-pointers to shoot 42% for the game. Moody Bible Institute Win

On Tuesday November 21, the PNC Panthers literally stole the game from the Moody Bible Institute Archers, coming up with 87-75 victory Tuesday night, November 21, at the Scholl Center in Michigan City.

PNC found itself battling the entire game, especially in the first half. It wasn't that the Panthers were lacking in any aspect of their game, rather it was the constant pressure that the Archers put on PNC by drilling three-pointers all night long.

"They (Archers) were on fire in the first half, they were able to penetrate our double team, and really keep pressure on us with the long shots," said Panther Head Coach, Grayling Gordon.

Gordon was referring to the eight three-point shots (of 14 attempts) that kept the Archers in striking distance throughout the first half.

For the Panthers, the first half was a defensive one. Junior guard Brian Bogus kept them close with three steals and nine points. The steals were crucial in keeping pace with the Archers, considering the steals disrupted the Archers' pace. Overall, PNC stole the ball 16 times from their opponent, with Bogus leading the way with four.

"Every night a different player steps up, Bogus was one of them tonight," said Gordon.

In the first 3:30 of the game the Panthers were scoreless. The Archers had three steals within the first five minutes of the game, making it difficult for the Panthers to find any rhythm. Luckily, Bogus was there to ignite the Panthers with a three-point shot, followed by a steal and an easy lay up that drew a foul. Bogus converted it to complete the three-point-play.

With 14:45 to go in the first half, the Panthers began moving the ball effectively, leading to an offensive rush. Efforts by sophomores Rodney Wash, and Andre Jones gave the Panthers their first lead of the night with 11:35 left in the first.

After an impressive defensive display of rebounding and steals, PNC was able to capitalize on Moody's turnovers.

Wash took control under the boards, and Bogus stole the ball twice within a minute. The defensive efforts led to a surge of Panther points, which put them ahead by 10 with 11:30 to go in the half.

The lead was short lived however; as the Archers quickly regrouped and once again began draining three-point shots. From the 2:00 mark in, the Archers drained four of four three-point shots, giving them a 38-36 lead at half.

"We took our double team

off in the second half because it just wasn't working," said Gordon.

"We switched everything on the perimeter, and really went after their three-point shooters."

The adjustments were exactly what PNC needed to start fresh in the second half. Bogus continued his defensive attack, stealing the ball in the opening minutes of the second half, leading to a three-point shot by junior Sylvester James.

Wash continually drove the lane, drew fouls and converted traditional three-point plays. He finished with a career high 29 points on the night, along with nine rebounds.

The Archers kept themselves in the game when the three-pointers began to add up once again, bringing the game to a tie with 11:00 to go. It was at this point the Panthers decided to try their luck from down town.

"It was our turn to get hot," added Gordon.

The final blows were delivered to the Archers when senior Nate Mrozinski drained four three-point shots over the final eight minutes of the game, giving him 12 points on the night. Senior Matt Martinez also made a three-pointer, topping off his 11 points, while Wash continued his dominance.

Mount Mercy Win 78-57

The yeoman effort against Moody Bible was preceded by the game that will add more than a few lines to the PNC history book, the Friday evening first-meeting win over Mount Mercy at Scholl Center.

"It is such a huge win for us - not only did we gain confidence, we found a spot for ourselves in the record books," said senior guard Matt Martinez.

The Panthers' offense started strong in the first half hitting 7 of 12 three pointers, and 18 of 33 field goals. Junior forward Sylvester James had a break out night hitting 2 of 3 long balls, to help carry the Panthers in the first half.

Luckily PNC's offense created a buffer on the score board, because the Panthers' defense was not taking off like the offense did in the first half. Although PNC was up 45-33 at the break, Head Coach Grayling Gordon knew adjustments were needed as the Panthers had only grabbed three offensive rebounds.

"We emphasized at half time our need for more boards, especially on the offensive side of it," said Gordon.

"We needed the rebounds to increase our lead against this dangerous team." Needless to say, the pep talk proved effective.

It became apparent that getting rebounds was on top of the priority list going into the second half. PNC established their selves under the basket, pulling down 12 offensive rebounds, along with 24 defensive boards.

Leading in the rebounding category was sophomore forward Rodney Wash, who was responsible for 11 rebounds and added 10 points on the night.

"We knew that we had to come out the more physical team in the second half and we knew it was important to grab the boards," said junior center Adam Dobrzeniecki, who was credited with 8 rebounds on the night.

The Panthers maintained a solid lead throughout the game, in large part due to crucial three-pointers, answering back each time Mount Mercy posed a threat for the lead. Senior guard Nate Mrozinski

hit two of four three-point shots, and senior guard Jeremy McCelos shot a perfect game, going two of two from long range.

The Panthers showed their depth off the bench as 12 different players scored and nobody played longer than 25 minutes.

The game concluded with sophomore guard Scott Adams nailing a three-pointer for his first collegiate field goal.

Matt Martinez found his stride in the second half going 3 of 5 from the field, and hitting a three pointer.

"It's great when all our guys get in the game, it really shows that the win was a team effort," said Gordon.

Leading Scorers for the Panthers were Terry Polk (12 points) and Wash (10 points), while Andre Jones and Adam Dobzeniecki each had 9 points on the night.

IU Southeast Loss 84-79

On Saturday, November 11, The Indiana University Southeast Grenadiers stayed one step ahead of Purdue North Central all game, resulting in a disappointing 84-79 Panther's home loss.

The Panthers found themselves playing catch up nearly the entire game, but at no point did the game become out of reach. PNC battled back from several deficits, including a 12 point Grenadier advantage near the end of the game.

The Panthers defense played a respectable first half, earning five steals, and 15 total rebounds. But each time their offense started to make headway, fouls offset the momentum.

The Grenadiers capitalized on the Panther's mistakes, shooting 10 of 15 from the free throw line in the first half.

"Free throws just killed us tonight, we couldn't make ours, and they made theirs," commented sophomore forward Andre Jones.

During the first half the Panthers were down by nine points with 8:12 remaining. PNC battled back with an offensive charge that started when Jones hit a three pointer with 6:56 left in the half.

The Panthers began their full court press, which resulted in four Grenadier turnovers in less than four minutes. Hugh Howard came up with a steal that led to a three-pointer by junior Brian Bogus, which pulled PNC within 6 points.

Junior center Adam Dobrzeniecki quickly put the ball back into PNC's hands with a defensive rebound, which led to a fast break and an easy jump shot by junior forward Terry Polk. The shot put the Panthers within 2 points.

The Grenadiers answered back however, draining four three pointers in the first half, all seemingly coming at times when the Panthers had their best chances to take the lead.

"They (Grenadiers) had a lot more intensity than us in the first half and made shots when they needed to," said senior guard Nate Mrozinski.

The second half started off well for the Panthers. Dobrzeniecki came out of the gate with four points in the first 1:30 of the half and sophomore Rodney Wash also came out big, scoring on a jump shot that drew a foul. Wash converted the free throw to complete the three point play.

The surge of offense came to an abrupt end however, when fouls and turnovers caught up with the Panthers.

The Panthers turned the ball over eight times in the second half and gave the Grenadiers 31 free throw shots, resulting in 24 points.

On the other hand, PNC found difficulty at the free throw line, shooting 15 of 24. Missed free throws played a significant role in the loss, as the misses came at times where the Panthers were down by only a few points.

"It's disappointing to have free throws cost us a game," said Mrozinski.

Mrozinski had a stand out night earning 13 points, along with hitting 3 of 8 shots from downtown.

The Combination of fouls, missed free throws, and turnovers, created the biggest hole for the Panthers to dig out of.

The Panthers were chasing 12 points with 13:00 left in the game, so they went back to full court press. Once again the pressure from the press gave the Panthers an opportunity to take the game.

Towards the end of the second half, Wash's jump shot gave the Panthers the first lead of the night with 5:27 left in the game. The lead was short lived, as the Grenadiers continued their clutch three-point shots, but the Panthers responded shot-for-shot near the end of the game. Mrozinski, Wash, and Howard all put forth great efforts to keep the game close at the final minutes, but it just wasn't enough to get the win.

Leading scorers for the night include Wash with 16 points, Mrozinski with 13 points, and Polk with 12 points. Jones and Dobrzeniecki added 10 points apiece for PNC.

The Purdue North Central basketball team defeated Indiana University Northwest 77-68 Wednesday night, November 8, in Hammond at the annual Kettle Classic. The Panthers moved to 1-1 overall while IUN dropped to 0-1.

The Panthers jumped out to a 37-31 halftime lead behind the strong inside play of sophomore Rodney Wash and junior Adam Dobrzeniecki. PNC was cold from the floor but Wash had 10 points while Dobrzeniecki collected 11 rebounds before the break.

In the second half the Panthers pressured IUN with a full court press and gradually pulled away for an easy win. PNC connected on five three-pointers and shot 51% (17 of 33) from the floor in the half.

Overall, the Panthers forced 19 turnovers and had 15 steals. The Panthers managed to overcome a huge discrepancy at the free throw line as IUN knocked down an impressive 28 of 31 attempts while PNC made two of just four attempts. PNC controlled the boards with a 35 to 26 edge over IUN.

Wash was the high scorer for the Panthers with 16 points in just 12 minutes of play. Junior Terry Polk also added 16 points and Dobrzeniecki added nine points and 13 rebounds.

Senior Nate Mrozinski knocked down three from beyond the arc for PNC and finished with nine points. Eleven different players scored and nobody played longer than 23 minutes for the Panthers.

After opening the season with five of six games at home, the Panthers are currently in a stretch where they will play nine of 11 on the road. PNC will travel to Fort Wayne on Saturday to take on Taylor University at 2 p.m. (e.t.).

Observation**Vince Papale: Sinai Speaker Sets Example for Tackling Adversity**

By Eric Wozniak

In a world seemingly designed to make success and happiness as difficult as possible, one might find it hard to find that silver lining. The personal struggles that sometimes absorb all our energy can stop us dead in our tracks.

The struggles that we face vary from one person to the next. The problem may be physical, a sickness perhaps; or it might be something as simple as our structure or build. The struggle might be the adversity that is directed at us from others, as we try to better our lives.

Adversity can bring a person to his knees. From personal experience, I believe people generally chase the same goals. We want simple things such as happiness, a solid job, a loving family and good health. However simple these desires may be, there are road blocks that can completely throw us off track for a period of time.

Each person has a story, and what makes a good story? Conflict. Problems in our lives can be the equivalent of a college class; we learn as we suffer. Problems pop up daily, but we must attempt to make the best of our lives knowing that there will be pain and difficult times.

Quoting the late Blind Melon front-man, Shannon Hoon, "We gotta do the best to decorate this dying day." We must seize each opportunity that falls upon us and not shy away from situations where difficulty is inevitable, because life is a struggle and we live. Cowering from hard times means that life has won that round, but the war still rages.

I had the opportunity to see Vince Papale at Elston Middle School in Michigan City as he spoke at the Sinai Forum, and it gave me a perfect opportunity to see how one person dealt with his struggles. What Papale conveyed was much more than a motivational speech. He gave tips on how to overcome adversity and guide us to be "invincible."

"Mentors can be the sole factor behind anyone's success," said an energetic Papale.

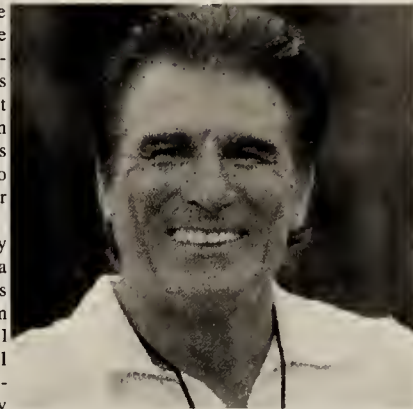
I related with this tip the most. Knowing that there is someone in my life with unconditional support is something I have learned not to take for granted.

Having a person to confide in when things are

dark, can make the difference between failure and success.

Papale experienced adversity and defeated it. He went from being a blue collar working man with season tickets to the Philadelphia Eagles to an NFL legend. Even more amazing was the unconventional way he earned his spot on the team.

He seized an opportunity by attending an open tryout. This was the first opportunity of its kind to be offered, and regardless of the odds, Papale achieved his goal.



Vince Papale Vince Papale, a former Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver, beat the odds to become the oldest rookie ever in NFL history

However great this achievement may be, it was not the only adversity he beat.

Papale grew up with a mentally ill mother, and a father who lacked in the support department. The effects that his home life had on him are unimaginable to me, but attitude is everything.

Papale found vents for his frustration by participating, and excelling in sports.

"Sports saved my life," said Papale.

Papale was also diagnosed with cancer. "Cancer is something that touches all our lives," said Papale.

I think most people at least know someone with cancer or some other horrible disease, and with that brings the uncertainty of our own health, along with anger that comes from the mindset of "why me, or why him." But the randomness of life makes life important.

We all live with the anxiety of failure, disease and anguish, but that just makes success and happiness that much sweeter.

Knowing that you have the power to determine your own fate, and perhaps the power to be a mentor and help change someone else's, is the gift of life.

Smile, look adversity in the eye and spit in it, because all problems can be beaten or at least understood and learned from.

Seize the day and appreciate the power that is given to us by defeating the hard times.

The PNC Alumni Association is hosting a reception for 2006 August and December graduates. Faculty, staff and board members are encouraged to attend to celebrate with graduates.

Event Details:

Saturday, January 6, 2007

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Casa del Roma

712 Calumet Ave.

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Note that Casa del Roma is across the street from Old Town and directly behind North Side.

R.S.V.P. attendees only at events@pnc.edu or 785-5656 by January 2, 2007.

For more information contact Karen Braddy at kbraddy@pnc.edu or 785-5307.

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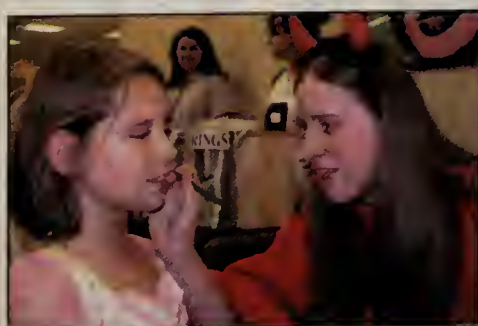
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Fall 2006 Graduates

By Daniel Cook

In reaction to the backlash to the cancellation of a fall graduate celebration last year the Purdue North Central administration and alumni association began again the tradition of gathering to honor the 2006 fall graduates in Valparaiso on January 7.

The hall at Casa del Roma was packed with nearly 30 PNC graduates and their families. Carol Kurmis, representing Student Support Services, interim Dean of Liberal Arts, Dr. Manning, interim Vice Chancellor, Dr. Asteriadis, and Chancellor Dworkin with his wife, Nancy Dworkin as well as many faculty and staff attended the event in honor of PNC's newest graduates.

"This is the first time the

PNC Alumni Association has partnered with the Chancellor's office for a fall graduation event," said Karen Braddy, Director of Alumni Relations. "We set a milestone this year in which graduates can look forward to in the future.

The Chancellor's office invited the PNC Alumni Association to partner with them for the event that was grown from punch and cookies with the Chancellor to a full off-campus event.

"The event had a warm feel to it. Most people stayed for the whole time rather than just dropping-in for a few moments," Braddy noticed.

The entire Purdue North Central graduating class of fall 2006 is listed on page five.



Purdue North Central's 2006 Fall graduates. The ceremony was held at Casa del Roma in Valparaiso.

PNC BITS

Ramen Noodle Inventor Dies

The inventor of every college student's staple food has died. Momofuku Ando, born in Taiwan, moved to Japan where he invented instant ramen noodles shortly after WWII when the Japanese needed a cheap, healthy meal. He was 96. Momofuku's legendary noodles, however, will still live on.

Spring Record PNC shattered another spring semester record as students are taking a total of 35,752 credit hours, an increase of 3.50 percent over the previous high of 34,543 credit hours set in the spring of 2006.

Introduction to QuickBooks

will be offered at PNC - Porter County, 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso, on Thursdays, Feb. 1 - 15, from 6 - 8 p.m. The course fee is \$79 with an additional book fee of \$26. This course will teach students how to use QuickBooks to set up a chart of accounts, reconcile checking accounts, create and print invoices, receipts and statements. The course will also cover how to track payables, inventory and receivables. Contact Continuing Education Dept. for details.

Beginner Computer Class

PNC Office of Continuing Education will offer a beginning computer course to introduce the basics of using a computer and get individuals started on the path to computer literacy. "So You've Never Touched a Computer" will meet at PNC - Porter County, 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso, on Wednesdays, Feb. 7 to 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. or Thursdays, April 5 to 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration is \$79. A recommended book is available for \$26.

Student Support Services Donate to Bradley House

By April Hodge

This past holiday season, PNC students contributed to the tremendous success of the Prisoners and Community Together (PACT) Bradley Center Holiday Fun Fest, by donating gifts to the children of the men and women served by the center in Michigan City. More than 200 children and parents attended.

The TRIO Club always collects new and gently used toys for the annual TRIO Holiday Toy Store. The toys are offered at extremely low prices that make an affordable holiday for low-income families.

The brains behind this event belong to 2005 PNC graduate Marsha Buckingham, who is now the program coordinator of the Bradley Center. When the Holiday Fun Fest was being planned, Buckingham knew where to go to get support - back to PNC.

Thanks to an outpouring of gifts and monetary donations, PNC was able to donate enough for each child to

receive at least three gifts, exceeding the expectations of Bradley House staff.

Regina Ruddell, who works at the Bradley Center, spoke in an interview and her warm appreciation could be felt over the phone. She explained that without PNC's help, the Holiday Fun Fest would not have been as wonderful event as it was.

Ruddell talked excitedly about how happy the children were to receive the gifts. One resident dressed up as Santa and was introduced to the partygoers by another resident singing "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Ruddell expressed that it was the highlight of her season to witness such a "beautiful, beautiful event."

Many PNC clubs, organizations and individuals helped make this happen: Delta Sigma Science Club, Student Education Assoc. (SEA), TRIO Club, Active Voices, Psi Chi, Rochelle Cox of Michigan City, donated new clothing and Melba Kurmis of Valparaiso, donated handmade bracelets, and an anonymous monetary donation for toys.

MLK Day Morning Breakfast Gathering

By Daniel Cook

As has become tradition, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration breakfast at Purdue North Central attracted students, faculty and community leaders to observe Dr. King's contributions to American society and social justice.

The theme this year was "Justice for All" evoking King's words, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

The gathering included Al Whitlow, the executive director of the Michigan City Boys and Girls Club. Whitlow performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies. Also joining in the celebration of Dr. King's life were a combined children's choir from various Michigan City churches directed by Sunny Gardner-Orbovich, a reading of Dr. King's "Letter from the Birmingham Jail", and a presentation from MLK essay

contest winners from LaPorte area elementary and middle schools.

The guest speaker was the prolific poet and activist, Dr. Haki Madhubuti.

racist, racism is taught to them; through their culture they are taught to be racist, sexist and homophobic."

Madhubuti expanded on a theme of movement and development when referring to King's work and called for new and increased leadership in the black community.

He repeated, "Move and develop - that's what King did. We need a different kind of thinking from our leadership."

He was also critical of the War in Iraq: "If you can spend a billion dollars a day on Iraq, why can't you fix the education system?"

His presentation was a skilled tapestry of autobiography, social commentary, and poetry.

Dr. Madhubuti ended his speech with a poem that encouraged audience participation about the importance of art and culture to developing a free society.

Chancellor Dworkin ended the event with parting words from Dr. King. "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for oth-



Chancellor Dworkin introduces Al Whitlow for MLK day celebration



Dr. Madhubuti entertained the crowd with his poems as well as giving tribute to Dr. King ideals and urging the young people in the community to become more involved in civil rights and social issues.

Referring to the young presenters in the program and to the audience's agreement Madhubuti exclaimed, "Those young people are not born

Violence as a way of achieving racial justice is both impractical and immoral. It is impractical because it is a descending spiral ending in destruction for all. It is immoral because it seeks to humiliate the opponent rather than win his understanding; it seeks to annihilate rather than to convert. Violence is immoral because it thrives on hatred rather than love. - Dr. King

Coffee with the Chancellor Jan. 25 in LSF 114 Cyber Cafe from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Come indulge in coffee and conversation with Chancellor Dworkin.

Chancellor's Forum Chancellor Dworkin will host a special forum on Feb. 8 from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. It will be held in LSF 02 (across from the bookstore). The topic presented will be Service Learning and Civic Engagement. This event is open to students, faculty and staff. Refreshments will be served.



A Bradley House resident contributes to the holiday spirit by playing Santa and handing gifts to the children

Commentary

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Oh where, oh where have my classes gone?



Daniel Cook Co-Editor

It seems a tenet of human nature for people to ignore or not become aware of an issue until the issue affects them personally. We see this in contemporary events such as the poverty that was brought to national attention as uncovered by the hurricane Katrina disaster. But even in the face of hardship and injustice many will simply endure, believing that they don't have a voice or their opinions don't count. This is, I believe, wholly untrue; I tend to think that there are like minds all around us, and if I'm thinking of something, it is likely that others are thinking and experiencing similar things. If we don't speak out, then how will we better our situations?

Large institutions tend to have gaps in communication; PNC is not unique in this regard. What we do have is a newspaper that is willing to be a forum for opinion and discourse, and we have a student government, faculty and administration that will, as is

my experience, make themselves available to hear students concerns. With this in mind, I encourage the students that have been affected by the recent course scheduling and cancellations to come forward and engage the school representatives with your concerns.

First case-in-point: sections once taught by Professor Betsy Walits were cancelled the day classes started this spring. It is my understanding that Professor Walits' resignation was known at the end of the fall term and that there was an effort to fill her classes with another instructor. An instructor was not found and the classes were cancelled, leaving no other recourse than to waive the class for those who will graduate in the spring.

Students were not given an option to take an independent study in place of Professor Walits' classes and no other recourse was presented to them. A student affected by the class cancellation explained that waiving the course is not acceptable; she would like to see the same courses offered in the future as she will not have a minor when she graduates without this coursework.

In addition, shouldn't it be considered that our graduates will be missing an important part of their education by waiving a required class?

Could there be a way to

communicate to the students if there is a problem with a class before the class starts? The university would like the students to pay their tuition and fees a month before classes begin; is it too much to ask that the students know if their classes are going to run within the same time parameters?

The students that are affected by this cancellation had to rush to make other class arrangements to secure full-time status, many starting classes late, putting them behind their other classmates and creating general inconveniences that could have been taken care of if only the school communicated with the students.

Second case-in-point: Professor Sheila Barry stepped-down as the university's only professor of French. She had mentioned to her students in the fall that she may not be returning, and yet, when the spring semester began, a professor had to be found at the last minute to cover the class that she was scheduled to teach.

Again, students had to rearrange their schedules, considerations had to be made to accommodate the visiting professor that is now teaching French, and a day class is now a night class, much to the inconvenience of students. A phone call to students before the first day of classes would have been a great courtesy.

So why are students not speaking about this and other instances to the decision-makers on campus? You cannot be heard if you don't speak.

The State of the First Amendment

By Lyndsie Daikhi

A survey on the state of the First Amendment, released by the First Amendment Center, is a reality check on how Americans view their first freedoms.

Conducted annually since 1997 by the Center for Survey Research & Analysis, the study examines public attitudes toward freedom of speech, press and religion, and the rights of assembly and petition.

This year, only 56 percent of people polled were able to name one of the most well known freedoms granted to American citizens by the First Amendment: freedom of speech.

Even more astonishing is the fact that only 17 percent of those questioned were able to name the freedom of religion as a right guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution, and a mere 13 percent were able to identify freedom of the press.

The survey also pointed out the differences in the public opinion regarding offensive things being said about religious and racial groups.

Twenty-two percent of people polled strongly agree that one should be able to say offensive things about a racial group in public, and 31 percent strongly agree that one should be allowed to make public offensive comments about a specific religious group.

These responses show a double standard. Some people believe it is permissible to make offensive comments about a religious group but it is not permissible to make offensive comments about a racial group. It seems that we, as a nation, are less prejudicial about race and more prejudicial about religion.

Another interesting observation made by the study is that there has been a trend in the belief that newspapers should be allowed to freely strategy and performance. In 2002, 33

percent of people strongly agreed with this statement, in 2003, 32 percent of people strongly agreed, in 2004, 32 percent strongly agreed, in 2005, 36 percent strongly agreed, and this year 33 percent strongly agreed.

When asked if the press should be allowed to publish stories that criticize the actions of the government, 38 percent of respondents strongly agreed, whereas only 18 percent strongly disagreed.

These statistics show that Americans, overall hold the freedom of the press as being important in the United States.

In order for American citizens to maintain the freedoms that we hold now, it is imperative that we protect these rights. However, to do so, Americans must first know what they are entitled to.

If as a generation, we do not protect these rights, they may not be there for our grandchildren.

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"If this is not the
answer you want
to hear then write
to a different
advice column."

Dear Starchild,

My school and work schedules are constantly conflicting but I don't want to talk to my boss about it in fear that he might fire me, lay me off, or even cut my hours. The thing is I really do enjoy my job, my co-workers, and my paycheck. Although I also like to go to school and I know that school will help me out tremendously by giving me better career choices. Help me please!

Sincerely,

Stressed out @ Work

Dear Stressed out @ Work,

My advice to you is.... Wait!!!!!! Why are you even bothering me with this letter? Don't get me wrong I do appreciate the fact that you wanted to write me but have you stopped to look at your letter? You already answered your own question and if you really need me to answer it for you then maybe you don't belong here in college. But I seriously doubt this is the case am I right? So I guess you know my answer now.
Celestially Yours,
Starchild

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Dear Starchild,

Is it wrong of me to still be a virgin? I have been in the

same relationship with a great guy for about a year now and all of a sudden he is stressing out because all we do is kiss. My mother brought me up to save "IT" till I was able to be married. Well when I talk to my boyfriend about this he hurries up and changes the subject. What do I do? I want to keep my values but I don't want to lose my boyfriend.

Yours truly,
Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

What a dilemma you have. Well I want to congratulate you on your choice to save your special gift for that special someone. However how idiotic can you be? If all he is doing is pressuring you for sex then you shouldn't even bother being with him. There are plenty of other fish in the sea! And eventually you will find that guy who will love you for you and will appreciate your values and won't bother you to give them up. If this is not the answer you want to hear then write to a different advice column.
Celestially Yours,
Starchild

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Dear Starchild,

I want to start off by saying that I absolutely love your article! You are a Diva to the extreme. My question is not for the traditional advice that most people write to you with but a question on how does a person get to be like you? I admire you and your advice and would like to know more on how to do this?

Yours truly,

Awestruck

Dear Awestruck,

Well thank you for the compliment. It is appreciated. And I would like to state I am the Ultimate Diva! And as far on help you out I could give you a few pointers but I won't give you all the secrets. If I did that then I might not have a job. And for the pointers I will respond to your email personally. And you don't have to say you admire me.... I know you do and it is kind of disturbing to hear you say it over and over. So to be a diva you have to act like one.
No Stars in My Eyes,
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Lubeznik Center Art:

A Woman's Journey in Fiber

By Daniel Cook

Lubeznik Fiber Arts Show

By Daniel Cook

There is a classic question still in artist circles today as to what is considered "art" and what is considered "craft". This is a question to ponder when viewing the newest installments called "A Women's Journey in Fiber" at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City, Ind.

Perhaps arranged symbolically to evoke discussions about "high" and "low" art, the show presents the craftier side of fiber arts in the ground-level gallery while reserving the more "artful" works for the upper gallery.

The two projects presented in the main gallery, titled "Blooming Botanicals" and

fiberglass by Yvette Kaiser Smith and the miniature quilts of Kathy Brooks. Together the two artist's works show the great breadth of various contemporary trends in fiber arts as well as broaden the scope of new approaches to working with this medium.

Yvette Kaiser Smith's radical approach to fiber wall hangings presents

very palatable and organic abstract weavings encrusted in fiberglass. The artist explained her technique, "My forms are crocheted with a standard size hook using continuous strands of fiberglass. The fiberglass cloth is then formed and hardened with the application of polyester resin. Color is added to the resin prior to its application or painted on with enamel after the resin is set and the form



"Lopsided Log Cabin" - Kathy Brooks

"Purse-n-alities," display the skills of twenty craftswomen from the North Shore Weavers Guild, the North Suburban Needle Arts Guild, and the Illinois Quilters. The collection is made of unique, sometimes garish, garments and purses in various ranging styles and techniques. The artisans incorporate weaving, quilting, felting, crochet, embroidery, hand dying, painting, printing, photo transfer, and beading in their one-of-a-kind pieces.

As with other functional art and fiber pieces, one wants to reach-out and feel the texture of the fabrics and workwomanship; therefore, the group has supplied a display of all the materials present to satisfy one's tactile curiosities.

The strong part of the show is in the upstairs galleries, featuring works in crocheted

had been sanded. Most of the bodies are wall-dependent, some ceiling hung."

She added that she narrates through the language of crocheted fiber glass. The process of crocheting is a vehicle that contains and speaks of human history through the passing along of this process from generation to generation.

Kaiser Smith's works speak the ancient narratives of the history of the process "pro-

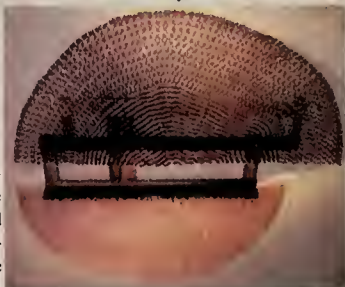


"A Sum of its Parts: Identity 2" - Kathy Brooks

jecting and diffusing the light that passes through it [the translucent fiberglass] speaking directly to identity, personality, to human character, to the things we are on the inside," she concluded.

The quilts of Kathy Brooks also aim to connect with the cultural history of fiber arts. Though a more traditional approach that Kaiser Smith, her meticulously patterned quilts at times oscillate visually like the of Op art of Victor Vasarely.

The miniature quilts display her developed skill through almost invisible stitching and obvious conscious and



"Natural Selection" - Yvette Kaiser Smith

clever choices when arranging her textile palette. Her skill extends beyond a standard of quilt making and is rather akin to an abstract painter.

The show will leave you wanting to explore more artists working within this medium and perhaps inspire a few to learn how to work with fiber as an art form.

"A Women's Journey in Fiber", will be on display at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts until Jan. 21.



"Hounglass" - Kathy Brooks



Movie Review

By Jessica Ring

Relatively New to DVD

"Fearless," starring Jet Li, is a veritable explosion of excitement, and serves Li well as his last martial arts epic.

It recounts the story of real-life fighter Huo Yuanjia, founder of the internationally recognized Jin Wu Sports Federation.

At the turn of the century, China was dominated by Western forces.

Fighting contests were staged to show the exemplary abilities of Western contenders and, most importantly, to berate the morale of the Chinese.

Yuanjia was the only man to successfully rise to that challenge. The underlying theme, though more of a

moral, promotes victory as penultimate in comparison to self-restraint. Yuanjia learns self-restraint the hard way through a series of personal tragedies.

History lessons aside,

"Fearless" excels at combining artistic cinematography with almost surreal choreography. The balance between the fighting scenes and the non-fighting scenes excels, as opposed to the usual issue of an exorbitant

amount of either dialogue or action.

Jet Li may have stumbled a bit in the past, like the unfortunate travesty of a movie that was "Cradle to the Grave," but he has more than redeemed himself as a figurehead among cinematic martial artists.



Music Review

By Trilaina Sibbo



After listening to pounding drums and wailing guitars all day, Heather Dale's music is refreshing. The Canadian was born in Toronto and became enthralled with myths and legends, especially those of King Arthur.

She re-weaves the tales with her melodic voice, and uses a variety of folk instruments, including piano, dulcimers, and alto recorder. She keeps her sound fresh by calling upon many influences, such as Asian and Irish music, as well as Native American and European legends.

She blends these together and shows no fear with her strong voice. Must have songs include "Mordred's Lullaby" and "Tarnished Silver." They can be found at Heather Dale's website, www.heatherdale.com.

It's Back! Theatre, that Is...

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Theatre Group to Perform This Spring Semester

A new and exciting development is taking place at PNC. The PNC theatre program has been revived and this spring will be back on stage.

"PNC has entered an agreement with Mainstreet Theatre in Michigan City, which will allow the theatre program to use that facility, including numerous sets and props," said newly appointed theater director Professor Paul Hecht.

Under this arrangement, the students who will perform are gaining experience in a professional theater setting, with the additional benefit of gaining college credit for their work.

"Not only will the cast and crew gain experience, but they will also receive two credits for their work on the production. In addition, they can gain an additional credit for a more traditional experience by reading other plays and studying acting,"

Professor Hecht explained. The new company's first production will be a comedy, "Every Man in His Humor," by Ben Jonson.

"Ben Jonson was a contemporary of Shakespeare's, and Shakespeare himself actually played a role even in one of the early productions..." said Hecht.

"It is interesting to note that the cast and crew is a mixture of both traditional and non-traditional students. The cast and crew of 'Every Man in His Humor' is diverse. Some have a great deal of experience, whereas some have little at all."

Although the exact dates for the play have not been finalized, Hecht commented that he looks to a spring-season opening, "The play dates will be in the last week of April and we hope to have at least six shows," he said.

Cast
Prologue (servant): Jim Fox

Knowell (old gentleman): Hannah Holmes-Robbins
Edward Knowel (his son): Chris Heath
Brainworm (father's servant): Beth Maack
Master Stephens (a country gull): Amanda Christensen
George Downwright (a plain-spoken squire): David Renz
Wellbred (his half brother): Cody Cornett
Kately (a merchant): Brett Evans
Dame Kately (his wife): Erynn Gaunt
Mistress Bridget (his sister): Ashley Davis
Master Mathew (a town gull): Veronica Zahn
Thomas Cash (Kately's servant): Eric Westforth
Cob (a water-bearer): Alan Mayernick
Tib (his wife): Ashley Davis
Capt. Bobadil (braggart soldier): Aram Arden
Justice Clement (an old merry magistrate): — TBA
Roger Formal (his clerk):

Spring Art Classes Announced at the Lubeznik Center

Jump-start your creativity by enrolling in one of the many educational art opportunities available for you or your family. The Lubeznik Center for the Arts announces the 2007 Spring Class and Workshop schedule which has something for every age group.

There are offerings for kids to cultivate creativity, including "Sprout with Imagination" and dance classes for two different age groups. There are also several parent/child options including improvisational acting, dance, and mask making.

An exciting new class on writing rap lyrics is open to pre-teen/teens and will be taught Tim Catchings.

Also included are improvisational acting, drawing, dance, watercolor and cartooning classes. Adult classes include poetry, memoir writing, design, watercolor, improvisational acting, yoga and Italian.

If a multiple week commitment does not fit into your busy schedule, sign up for our workshops including interior design, silk painting and dying, as well as professional development for artists wishing to do better business. On Feb. 3 the Center will host a special Valentine Open Studio for individuals and families wishing to create personal mementos (all ages are welcome).

Most classes begin the week of Feb. 5 and run through April. Registration is required and ends three days prior to the start of classes. Please register early to secure your enrollment!

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Habitat for Humanity

By Jessica Ring

On Dec. 17 seventeen volunteers left for Tutweiler, Mississippi as participants of Habitat for Humanity. The trip was spearheaded by Delta Sigma and faculty sponsor Kerri Marrs. Seven of the volunteers were returning members from last year's trip.

Delta Sigma initially chose Tutweiler after attempting to find a way to help rescue Hurricane Katrina victims.

Though not directly affected by Hurricane Katrina, residents of Tutweiler were in no short need of assistance. According to Delta Sigma president Krista Bailey, the area is in the top five for most impoverished within the United States.

The amount of physical labor the team accomplished in a week, especially with little to no building experience, is one certainly worth mentioning.

"I was a person with absolutely no experience in building or even fixing up a house, so I was not sure how much help I could possibly be. By the end of our trip I had

worked with drywall and mud, had installed ventilation and tubing, had cut and fitted pipes, and done so much more," said participant Kelly Kilgore.

The trip itself was made possible by generous donations from the community and other campus clubs. The original out-of-pocket expense of 400 dollars was

diminished to only 70, making volunteer work a much more feasible task.

"Each and every person changes after the trip. The feeling is usually for the better because when you are sweating and holding stuff up that makes your muscles physically hurt, you do not remember the pain, rather the smiles, all the laughter and the great memories of your team, your friendships, the families and the impact that you have made on someone other than you!" said Kerri Marrs.

Many participants cited their physical accomplishments as only penultimate next to aspects like the friendships forged while in Tutweiler, with both their travel companions and the locals.

"Each and every person changes after the trip."

Books and Coffee Series Continues

PNC will continue hosting the popular "Books & Coffee" discussion series during the spring semester.

The programs, which are free and open to the public, will meet from noon until 1 p.m. in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building, Assembly Hall, Room 02.

Each session will feature a review of the book, followed by a discussion period. The books being reviewed are available for purchase from the PNC Bookstore. This semester's selections include:

Feb. 14 - The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History by

John M. Barry, to be reviewed by Dr. James Dworkin, chancellor.

March 14 - What's the Matter with Kansas? How Conservatives Won the Heart of America by Thomas Frank, to be reviewed by Dr. Jonathan Swarts, assistant professor of political science.

April 25 - The Feel-Good Curriculum: The Dumbing-Down of America's Kids in the Name of Self-Esteem by Maureen Stout, Ph.D., to be reviewed by Dr. Jane Rose, associate professor of English.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact Carol Connelly at (219) 785-5200 ext. 5267.

PUC Call for Papers

Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Ind. has issued a call for abstracts of papers to be presented at two scholarly conferences in the Spring of 2007. One conference is open to graduate students at the masters of PhD level and the other is open to undergraduate students.

For the graduate student scholarly conference, PUC will consider a wide range of topics in the humanities, the social sciences, the sciences, and professional studies. The conference

will be held on March 30 and 31, 2007; abstracts of 500 words are to be submitted to gradconf@calumet.purdue.edu by Jan. 8. A \$35 registration fee will be required for all accepted submissions. Proceedings of the conference, including the complete text of all presented papers, will be published. Further information about the conference and instructions for submission can be found at PUC's website.

Portals Contest Deadline

The Department of English and Modern Languages is seeking submissions from writers and artists for its thirty-sixth annual writing and art contest. Award winning authors and artists will receive financial aid awards ranging from \$10 to \$75 and winning submissions will be published in the online student literary journal Portals.

Eligibility

Students who enrolled in the Spring, Summer, or Fall 2006 semesters or who will be enrolled in the Spring 2007 semester may submit work for the contest.

Submission Guidelines

The writing contest, three printed copies must be submitted on white 8 1/2" x 11" paper, double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, and a cover sheet (a single plain piece of covering paper) must accompany each set of three copies, except for category six submissions. For category six, submit an envelope containing the submission in CD-R/CD-RW or Zip disk form, and send an attachment to portalseditor@pnc.edu.

The art contest, three hardcopies or photocopies (no larger than 8 1/2" x 11") must be submitted for judging. However, the originals of the winning entries must be presented to the Department of English and Modern Languages before the editing deadline, which will be determined after the contest has ended and before they are published. Those who do not meet

this requirement will be disqualified and will not be awarded a prize.

All contest submissions, a cover sheet or envelope must label the entry as either category one, category two, category three, category four, category five, category six, category seven, or writing and art contest and bear the author's name, address, telephone number, email address, and PNC identification number. No anonymous entries will be accepted. Submissions may be given to any English and Modern Languages faculty member or placed in the Writing & Art Contest folder in TECH 157 no later than Feb. 2, 2007.

Determination of Awards

All submissions are subject blind review. Each work will then be reviewed by its merit, determined by the category and type of submission. Reviewers' decisions are final.

Authors and artists of winning works will be asked to prepare their works for publication, submit a 50-100 word autobiography, submit their PNC identification numbers, and sign a reproduction rights waiver no later than one week after notification of award; failure to comply with these terms will cause the award to be revoked. Winning authors are also required to read from their works at that annual Writing and Art Contest Banquet on Apr. 19, 2007.

Contest rules for 2006-07 can be found by visiting <http://www.pnc.edu/engl/writingcontest/submission.html>

Students and Faculty Loved Their Day off

MLK Day Volunteering

Instead of taking the day off many students and staff chose to work

To honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, PNC students and faculty spent their day off from classes doing volunteer work in the LaPorte community.

Orchestrated by Pat Carlisle, Gary Demski with the help of the United Way, the King Day of Service was a tremendous success with many students, staff, faculty and other members of the local community coming together to brighten-up the teen center at the LaPorte YMCA with a fresh coat of paint.

The service day was in accordance with the 1994 King Holiday and Service act, which has brought increasing numbers into volunteer work since over the past decade.

The call to service is intended to build on King's ideals to strengthen communities, empower individuals, and bridge barriers. The PNC volunteers:

PNC Staff and Faculty

Gary Demski
Pat Carlisle
Deb Lowenthal
Keith & Lisa Schwingendorf
Kathy Bonaventura (United Way, Porter County)

PNC Students

Daniel Cook
Jessica Trent
Julie Gant
Julie Dodson
Danielle DePoy
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Gina Tomas
Maria Huizar
Austre Medina
Viviana Garcia
Lauren Lockridge

YMCA Staff:

Rachel Weaver
Ben Foust



A BIG "Thank You" to all of you for volunteering for the inaugural PNC MLK Service Day at the LaPorte YMCA.

A total of 19 volunteers worked very diligently and had a great time at the same time. YMCA representatives were very appreciative of our efforts and could not thank you enough for your hard work. - Gary Demski

Accounting Scholarship

Rowley, Bushue & Company, LLP Establishes Accounting Scholarship for Purdue University North Central

The Michigan City-based accounting firm, Rowley, Bushue & Company, has established an endowed scholarship for accounting students at Purdue University North Central.

The scholarship, known as The Rowley, Bushue & Company LLP Endowed Scholarship for Accounting Students, is the first such endowed scholarship at PNC specifically for students entering the accounting profession.

"In order to stimulate economic growth, our community must attract and retain bright and well-educated individuals," said Gary D. Bushue, Partner, Rowley, Bushue & Company LLP. "Therefore we have decided to fund an academic endowment that will continue to invest in this area and the accounting profession for years to come."

Bushue continued, "This

scholarship is our way of continuing the excellent work of PNC Chancellor Dr. James B. Dworkin. His efforts as well as those of the educators and administration at Purdue University North Central to produce well-educated, knowledgeable professionals have boosted the economic future of Northwest Indiana as a region."

"We are thrilled with the generosity shown by Rowley Bushue in establishing this endowment," said Dworkin. "We have many talented students at Purdue North Central, and this scholarship will help to ensure that deserving students are able to continue their studies and earn their Purdue degrees from PNC."

The financial commitment involved in The Rowley, Bushue & Company LLP Endowed Scholarship for Accounting Students provides for a scholarship to be given annually to an eligible student enrolled in the accounting curriculum and maintaining a 3.00 GPA.

"We want to assist in the continued growth and expansion of our community's economy," said Bushue.

"With about 80 percent of Purdue North Central graduates

living and working in this area, we look forward to seeing a brain gain as students earn their degrees, live in our communities, pursue careers, raise families and become community leaders right here at home," said Dworkin. "The partnership between businesses such as Rowley, Bushue & Company and the university is indicative that we are indeed moving in the right direction."

In addition to establishing the endowed scholarship, Rowley, Bushue & Company has supported PNC students and the university by serving as mentors, advisors and volunteers.

Most recently, Gary Bushue was appointed to the Academic Affairs Committee, which is responsible for assisting in the selection of new degree programs and the recruitment and retention of students and faculty at Purdue North Central.

"It is easy to see the amazing results Chancellor Dworkin and PNC have brought to our area," said Bushue. "Our community is fast becoming an incubator for true progress, and we are proud to be able to support the efforts of today while providing for the future."

TRiO Club Announcement

Trio Club Meeting Times for Spring Semester

Friday, January 19, 2007

Friday, February 2, 2007

Friday, February 16, 2007

Friday, March 2, 2007

Friday, March 16, 2007

Friday, March 30, 2007

Friday, April 13, 2007

Friday, April 27, 2007

Trio Club would like to thank all students, faculty, and staff for a great semester in supporting our club.

On Monday, January 29, 2007 in LSF 144 from 3pm to 6pm

Trio Club will be sponsoring the

TASTE OF DIVERSITY - ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

We are hoping to bring our campus together with this event by using food as our theme. Trio club will be collecting recipes all semester to form a cookbook that will be available in time for Christmas 2007. So bring your family and friends with a dish and a recipe to share with others. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations 2006 Fall Graduates

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Active Voices

Active Voices needs members. They are an on-campus club which has put together many forums addressing important issues. These forums have brought together educated speakers from around the area who have enlightened audiences.

Other activities that Active Voices has initiated:

- Petitioned to have the library remodeled.
- Helped to collect money and items for Hurricane Katrina victims.
- Held a public forum on the war in Iraq.
- Collected used cell phones for domestic violence shelters.
- Collected school supplies for Iraqi children.
- Posted monthly 'Did you know?' articles for The Voice which is missing in this issue due to members graduating.

This wonderful club needs to keep going. Contact Erica Maar at emaarb00@pnc.edu for more information about joining or upcoming events.

Student Government Association

Meetings every Friday at 4 p.m. in LSF 204. Open to everyone.

World News

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House New Democratic Majority

By Lyndsie Daikhi

In its first 100 hours in session, the new Democratic majority in the House of Representatives fulfilled its Party campaign promise to send up four key pieces of legislation for Senate and, ultimately, presidential approval.

Members of the House passed a bill that requires the government to negotiate with drug manufacturers to obtain lower prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries.

The passing vote, held on Congress' eighth day in session, was 255 to 170. No Democrats voted against the measure and 24 Republicans joined the 231 Democrats to vote for it.

This measure, in its current form, will not likely become law, but some form of the bill will likely pass in both houses of Congress. However, a similar measure, one focusing on specific types of expensive drugs, has bipartisan support in the Senate.

The bill fulfills promises that Democrats made on the campaign trail. However, the bill in its current form will more than likely be vetoed by the president even if it passes both houses of Congress.

Some Republicans and even some Medicare actuaries doubt that the measure will save money for older citizens, or even for the government. Republicans also believe this bill will limit the drugs available to doctors and Medicare patients.

Democrats argue that the bill would reduce overpayments currently made by Medicare, which in turn would lead to better and lower prices.

Also in Congress' first 100 hours, the House of Representatives passed a bill to enact the recommendations of 9/11 Commission. The bill would enhance cargo inspections, and disrupt the

global black market for nuclear weapons technology.

The passing vote, held on Congress' first day in session, was 299 to 128. There were 68 Republicans who passed party lines to join the Democrats to approve this important measure.

Some members of the Senate find some parts of the bill unreasonable in the way that the Democrats want shipping containers searched. President Bush opposes the proposed legislation because of what he sees as the impracticality of the screening mandate that is in the current bill.

Also passing in the House was a measure to raise the minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour over a three-year period. The passing vote, held in the 12th hour of the new Congress, was 315 to 116. Eighty-two Republicans joined the Democrats to pass the measure.

The current measure is sure to have a difficult time in the Senate, which has threatened to filibuster against its passage in that chamber. Senate Republicans are opposed to the current measure because they want to include tax breaks for small businesses.

The president also wants to pair the minimum wage increase with tax cuts that would assist small businesses to offset the higher prices they would have to pay.

Taking on a highly controversial issue, the House Democrats passed a bill that would overturn restrictions on the use of embryonic stem cells in research. The bill was passed with a vote of 253 to 174. Thirty-seven Republicans who supported this proposed legislation.

The Senate would likely pass such a measure because in July 2006 the Republican-led Senate passed a similar bill that was later vetoed by President Bush.

Given his past vetoes, it is assumed the president would

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Students at Purdue University ended their hunger strike on Wednesday December 13, 2006. The group of students, which started with 15 and ended with ten, ceased their hunger strike after 26 days.

The students were members of the United Students Against Sweatshops began their hunger strike to encourage the University to accept the terms of the Designated Suppliers Program (DSP), which is sponsored by the Workers' Rights Consortium (WRC). If Purdue had joined the DSP, it would ensure that apparel with the college's logo is made in factories

where workers are free to join a union and can bargain toward a living wage. Although Purdue is a member of the WRC, and in theory has accepted certain measures similar to those under the DSP, the students believe that the WRC is ineffective without the DSP provisions.

According to Purdue University President Martin Jischke, there were several reasons that the university did not accept the terms of the DSP. President Jischke reached his decision with the help of the Licensing and Marketing Committee of which Chancellor Dworkin is the chairman.

"The requirement that suppliers be neutral about union

organization. This is a requirement that does not exist in federal or Indiana law, and it certainly is not something Purdue would stipulate in a contract in any other area of business."

"The living wage provision of the DSP: A living wage is not defined in law, and efforts to develop such a definition have been unsuccessful. I am not persuaded that the WRC can or should determine what constitutes a living wage in the numerous markets and nation where apparel is manufactured."

"Price controls: Under the DSP, the WRC would require that licensees set prices at certain levels in order to assure

that living wages could be paid by manufacturers. Price fixing is illegal in most cases, and it is at odds with Purdue's policy of accepting the best, lowest bid in contracting."

Striker Mark Franciose, senior political science and philosophy major, had to go to the hospital because he was becoming extremely weak.

The strikers were somewhat satisfied with the hunger strike because they helped create awareness for their cause. The strikers are going to wait three months to allow Purdue time to contemplate acceptance of the DSP and may resume their protest activities later in the spring.

Iraq's Trials and Executions of Saddam Hussein and His Top Aides

On Dec. 30 Saddam Hussein was hanged. Demonstrations from his Baath party started shortly afterwards.

Saddam's hanging was recorded and an unofficial recording via camera phone made it through the internet. This video shows how Saddam was mocked as he stood on the gallows. Many people have watched this video, even President Bush; however, he stated in a 60 Minutes interview that he could not watch Saddam go through the trapdoor.

According to reports, the president said that the "chaotic execution of Saddam Hussein looked like 'kind of a revenge

killing' and showed that the government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki 'has still got some maturation to do.'"

Two weeks later, Bush also criticized the hangings of Saddam's top aides, his half-brother Barazan al-Tikriti and Awad al-Bandar, former head of Iraq's Revolutionary



Mourners at the grave of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Court. These hangings were also criticized by the United Nations (UN). The UN does not endorse the death penalty and remarked that the trials of the former

Each of the men were buried in Tikrit, hometown of Saddam and his half-brother, within the same grave-yard with simple dirt graves marked by small headstones and Iraqi flags.



Graves of Barazan al-Tikriti and Awad al-Bandar.

Iraqis raised issues of "impartiality and fairness." Saddam's half-brother was decapitated due to the sudden pressure that the noose caused.

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PNC Basketball -

Panthers Finishing Strong

By Eric Wozniak

Looking back from December until now, the Purdue North Central basketball team has accomplished a lot.

The Panthers banked 6 wins, including two conference wins and a victory against a nationally ranked team. The Panthers however have had 4 losses in the meantime. Although four losses may seem like a few too many, three of them were heartbreakers, which really could have gone either way.

When the Panthers took on Illinois-Springfield College, they lost 73-70 due to a last second shot behind the arc.

For the next game, the Panthers traveled to Rensselaer to take on the St. Joseph Pumas. PNC came back in the first half, despite the Pumas ability to rain down three pointers all game. This didn't stop the Panthers from keeping the game within reach. They matched the Puma's all game until midway through the second half, when St. Joseph went on a 9-0 run. The Panthers lost the game respectively, 77-69.

PNC's next game was yet another tough loss, as the second half continued to haunt the Panthers. PNC froze Hope College's offense to just 39% shooting from the field and went into the second half with a 36-31 lead. Hope College bounced back after a 57 point strong second half, stealing the game away from the Panthers 88-79.

When PNC came back home to play Indiana University Northwest, the team planned on getting back on the right track. The Panthers ended their four game skid with a decisive 79-52 victory over IUN. It was in this game that PNC started to exhibit a more powerful offensive unit, as ten players scored in the game, with Rodney Wash leading the



PNC against PUC fighting for the rebound.

way with 12 points.

The game not only halted a painful losing streak, but it revealed a different Panther team.

"We're really starting to trust each other now and we're getting ready for conference," commented senior guard Matt Martinez.

The metamorphosis became even clearer when the Panthers took on Indiana University Southeast on the road. IUSE went into that game with an 11-3 record, along with being ranked 26th in the nation. On top of being a nationally recognized team, IUSE defeated PNC earlier in the season 84-79 at home. It was safe to say at the time, that PNC was the underdog going into the game.

The Panthers' displayed their finest game from behind the arc, connecting on nine three pointers, combined with 31 field goals. PNC also churned out 4 players who scored in double digits, with Rodney Wash paving the way with 24 points, ten rebounds, and three blocked shots, while sophomore Marlon Douglass added 19 points and four assists.

Junior Adam Dobzeniecki continued his strong play of late with 13 points and senior Jeremy McCelos chipped in with 11 points.

All of this led to a stunning PNC victory over IUSE, 86-78. The win also set a team record, as PNC beat their highest ranked team in school history.

Unfortunately for the next scheduled game against rival Purdue Calumet, the game was cancelled due to academic ineligibility of 8 of their players.

Academic ineligibility also affected the Panthers.

Rodney Wash became ineligible due to grades, and PNC lost both their lead scorer, and lead rebounder. But his loss only made the team realize what each player's role was.

The next two games were PNC's biggest games of the year up to that point. For one, they were down a key starter, and two, both Judson College and Trinity Christian College are in PNC's conference.

The Panthers defeated Judson College in a thriller at home, 72-71, much to the credit of Marlin Douglas, a sophomore guard from Muncie, Ind. Douglas managed to take control of the ball in the final seconds of the game to drive down court for the score on a jump shot that drew the foul. Douglas then converted to a three point play.

"I can't describe the feeling I had when that shot went in, it's a nice way to launch a new year on a new team for me," said Douglas.

The win put PNC at 9-7 on the year and 1-0 in the Chicago Land Collegiate Athletic Conference. The

Panthers level of confidence was lifted in the second conference game of the season, when PNC won in another exciting game 65-61 against Trinity Christian College.

"Our guys are realizing their roles now, and they are starting to believe in those roles, and that's how we get wins," said assistant coach Kris Schnatz.

PNC had three players in double digits. Dobzeniecki had 19 points on the night, followed by Polk with 16 points, and Martinez with 14 points.

It has become evident, especially in the conference games, which the Panthers have learned to rely on each other rather than a couple of high scoring players.

Dobzeniecki has been the point leader every game since Wash's untimely departure. But without the fire that Matt Martinez brings as he enters a game, or the key steals that Marlon Douglas gets, or clutch shooting from Terry Polk and Jeremy McCelos combining with the entire team effort, the points are meaningless.

The fact is PNC creates wins by using their heads. They are a more patient and smart team then they were in the beginning of the season. They are moving the ball around more effectively, and realizing who does what the best.

"We think we have found a solid rotation, the team is now trusting each other," said head coach Gordon.

Not including the loss against a dominant Indiana Tech last night, the Panthers are living their moment in the sun. They have already matched the team's record of most wins in a season, along with having defeated two nationally ranked teams, and remaining undefeated in the conference to this point.

Regardless of the milestones PNC has accomplished thus far, it isn't over yet. The Panthers goal in the beginning of the year was to contend with every team in the conference. Now they believe in that goal.

Are You Ready for Some Softball?

By Eric Wozniak

From the looks of it, the Panthers will not have to repeat the problems that came with having a shortage of players like last year's team of ten. This time around the Panthers are well-stocked with seven returning players, three transfer students, and optimism regarding a new batch of freshmen.

Another problem that the Panthers have already evaded in contrast to last years season, is the experience required to win in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC). Within the seven returning players is Katie Ebach (LaPorte, Ind.), a 2005-2006 All Conference player, with a stellar batting average of .429, along with 21 hits, and a glove that matches the bat. Ebach kept a perfect fielding record last year, yielding zero errors in the out field. Ebach's return to Panthers softball is one of many factors that will determine the fate for the team as they approach the 2007 season.

Betsy Maher (Chesterton, IN) is another returning player, and a standout from last season. Maher's had 13 total hits on the season, earning a .317 batting average, along with a .967 fielding percentage. Maher had only three errors last season, which is extraordinary considering she plays third base, a spot infamous for hard shots and a long throw to first.

Coach King also looks for Jessica Brannigan (Westville, Ind.) to deliver as she did last season. Brannigan had 13 hits, earning a .310 batting average. She also did her part in the field, having the third best fielding average with .952%

Coach King expressed excitement for returning Pitcher Tracy Markwell (Portage, Ind.) who finished the 2007 season

with a 4.08 era, second best on the team.

"We are looking for girls to lead, especially, our returning players," said King.

Other returning players for the Panthers include Val Minyard (Crown Point, Ind.), Stephanie Zeharias (Valparaiso, Ind.) and Alissa Whitaker (Chalmers, Ind.).

Transferring from abroad is junior pitcher Bethany Toias (Schererville, Ind.) transferring from Robert Morris College, 3rd base Mellissa Carson (Lake Station, Ind.) transferring from South Suburban College, and sophomore catcher Kayla Virgo (Chesterton, Ind.) transferring from IUPUI Fort Wayne.

"All these girls coming back is great for our program, our returning players are expected to fill leadership roles that are necessary to build our program," said coach King.

This year the Panthers are reliant upon their returning players, and hope that early conditioning will keep the girls together as a team physically, and academically.

"Conditioning plays a huge role in our success, the more we practice and stay in shape, the less we have to worry about injury," said King.

The Panther's have already begun their winter training schedule, in hopes of getting a jump on other teams within the conference, but the conditioning aspect goes beyond the want for physical superiority.

It is evident that the Panthers are facing fewer worries this season, but there is still plenty to be done.

When asked about team goals for the 2007 season, coach King replied, "Our goal is to stay competitive within our conference, and take the conference championship."

Purdue Cal says...

Bye-Bye Basketball

Academic ineligibility of eight student basketball players following season-ending injuries to two others has prompted Purdue University Calumet to cancel the remainder of its 2006-07 men's season and accept the resignation of head coach Mike James and his coaching staff, effective immediately.

Grade reports of recently completed fall semester course work necessitated the decision, according to Purdue Calumet Assistant Vice Chancellor for Health, Recreation and Sports Rob Jensen, adding that an assessment of the men's basketball program will be conducted and improvements made prior to resuming play in 2007-08. The names of the ineligible student athletes may not be announced due to student privacy regulations.

The season-ending decision means Purdue Calumet, after compiling an 8-5 record, will not play the final 16 games of its regular season, including 12 dates and a postseason tournament within Division I of the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC). Purdue Calumet previously announced that its men's and women's basketball teams are moving to Division II of the CCAC next season.

"While I am very disappointed in a number of our student athletes for their failure to respond appropriately to their academic goals and responsibilities," Jensen said, "I also deeply regret that our system of

monitoring the academic progress of our student athletes failed to achieve our desired intention."

Purdue Calumet Chancellor Howard Cohen said the decision to halt the season, though unfortunate, is necessary.

"Basketball players are students first; we expect them to do well in the classroom," he said. "The NAIA has as its motto: 'Champions of Character.' We expect nothing less from our athletes, and we will not compromise our standards in our sports programs."

The premature end to the 2006-07 season and his coaching resignation is particularly disappointing for James, a Purdue Calumet alumnus and former all-conference player for longtime coach Larry Liddle, previous assistant under predecessor Gary Hayes and successor to Hayes when the latter resigned midway through the 2004-05 season.

"This was supposed to be a time of great excitement for our program," said James, who compiled a 29-33 record at the Purdue Calumet helm. "We were 8-5 with a chance to improve on that record heading into conference play. I am extremely disappointed, and as head coach I accept responsibility."

This is a portion of a full article released on Dec. 29, 2006 by Purdue Calumet. For the full article visit <http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/news/releases>

The Halftime Antics of Alfred and Seymore

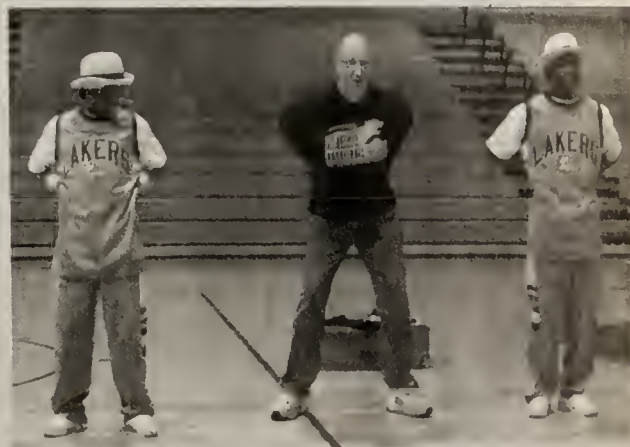
By Carl Stambaugh

On Jan. 13 PNC Panthers Basketball team hosted Trinity College at the Schoil center in Michigan City. The entertainment duo Alfred & Seymore were provided by the F.A.C.E. Committee for a great half time show. This hip-hop comedy duo also refer to themselves as "two black guys that dress alike, but don't sing or dance."

During their performance

they had a huge surprise for one of our own faculty members Mr. Larry Barrett, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management and student services. Alfred and Seymore brought Mr. Barrett to center court to participate in the show.

To learn more about this remarkable duo and to see a four-minute clip from one of their shows, visit their personal website at www.everythingbutthemime.com



[Right] During halftime Alfred and Seymore included Larry Barret in some entertaining antics. Mr. Barrett is always a good sport. [Top Left] Alfred and Seymore [Middle Left and Bottom] Members of the F.A.C.E. committee pose with Alfred and Seymore for a great photo op.

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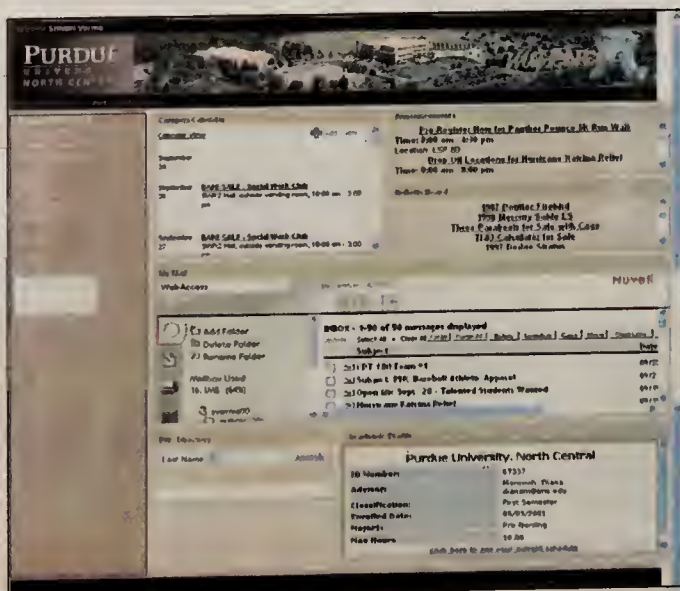
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ODYSSEY 2006-07

John Henry "Star Pointer"

The newest sculpture at Purdue North Central, Star Pointer, makes quite a presence on campus, rising an incredible 75 feet into the air. It was brought to campus from Henry's studio in Chattanooga, TN. Describing his piece, Henry states, "Americans need a reference point. What people find pleasing has to do with their own visual vocabulary, how willing they are to take in visual information. Ours is a young country, a pioneer country, still about the business of making an impact." Henry's work "resides" on five continents. Star Pointer is the first of six new sculptures on loan that are a part of the Odyssey 2006-07 sculpture exhibit at PNC. Tours of the entire exhibit are available by contacting Judy Jacobi at (219) 785-5593 or jjacobi@pnc.edu.

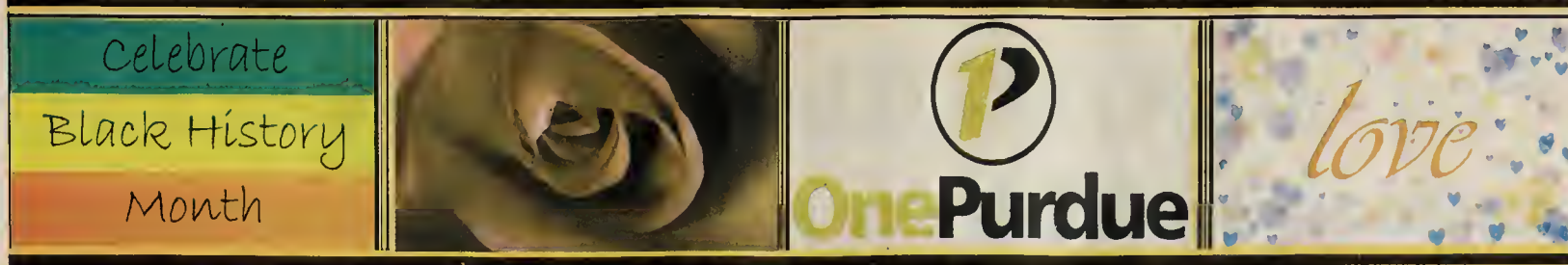


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OnePurdue

What It Is and Why It's Needed

By April Hodge

A major behind-the-scenes effort to build a common information technology platform serving all Purdue campuses is finally coming to fruition.

The OnePurdue program, with an operating budget of \$73,346,636, will be used by some 78,756 Purdue employees in 30 different departments.

The new platform is to be implemented in three stages serving financial, human resources, and student affairs systems throughout all the university campuses. The first stage dealing with financial operations went live on Feb. 6.

OnePurdue will create a major change in the way Purdue does business by coordinating the information collected by all the Purdue campuses.

According to Dan Burns, assistant vice chancellor for Information Technology, all information from the Fort Wayne, Westville, Lafayette, and Porter County campuses will be on the same page to assure accurate and timely information.

Burns also stated that the systems being replaced were not compatible with changing trends. Sharing information between campuses was slow and inefficient, making it difficult to petition state legislation for funding or to report Purdue's financial numbers to prospective business partners.

Implementing the OnePurdue program in three stages allows for a smoother transition, plus individual segments of the program can go live as they become available, rather than having them held up until the entire system is completed.

The first stage is now live. The second stage, serving human resources, is set to happen sometime in June or July of this year. The third and final stage, designed toward student-specified services, is set to go live in spring 2008.

With such a major undertaking, glitches and setbacks were anticipated, but for the most part, things have gone off without a hitch.

"The first stage went better than expected," stated Phil Jankowski, assistant vice chancellor for business and budget, who sits on OnePurdue's financial management advisory com-

mittee chaired by John Shipley. Jankowski credits the smooth

transition to the participation and coordination of training for the new program.

Select personnel from all campuses underwent OnePurdue training, which consisted of classroom and online elements to enable flexible training times. While training times were flexible, in the beginning, many participants were required to travel to the main campus in Lafayette to help with the design of the program's user applications.

Liz Depew, a PNC staff accountant, frequently traveled to Purdue Lafayette to collaborate with colleagues from other campuses.

Depew explained that at the end of the training process, everyone was required to take an online assessment of their learning to ensure that the new processes and terminology was understood.

Judy Davis, director of purchasing and general services, added that the training was very important and by understanding the terminology of the new program, everyone could speak the same language.

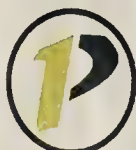
As an example of how OnePurdue will impact the purchasing function, Davis said there are now on-line shopping carts and search engines available through E-plus, an electronic catalog serving all buyers in the Purdue system.

DePew, Davis, and Diane Blaney, director of accounting, are the resident experts on the OnePurdue system. Other PNC employees can call them for help with the new program.

DePew commented that the program is easy to use, once a person becomes familiar with it.

Burns stated that with all campuses collaborating and using the same system for buying products, negotiating power for business contracts is substantially increased. This allows for higher amounts of cost savings for the university.

OnePurdue allows all the Purdue campuses to become a stronger, more efficient, unified body. To find out more about OnePurdue, visit the website at www.purdue.edu/onepurdue



PNC Basketball Coach Grayling Gordon rides along with other members of the PNC community. Transportation was provided by PNC.

PNC BITS

Faculty-Senate Bylaws Passed
Faculty-Senate passed the by laws by unanimous vote. Chair, Dr. Tom Brady, Jr. claimed that the bylaws will help encourage more student participation on campus. The new Faculty-Senate Constitution has yet to pass through the Purdue board of Trustees in West Lafayette.

FAFSA Renewal
If you receive financial aid or plan on applying, do not forget to renew or fill out your 2007-2008 FAFSA.

The form can be filled out online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The PNC financial office is available for assistance. Just call the FA office to schedule an appointment.

Summer Trips Information
Deposit deadlines for 2007 summer tripclasses:
Utah - March 1
Gettysburg - March 1
Machu Picchu - Feb 15
Plains Indians - March 15
The New EU - Feb 15
Smokey Mountains - Apr 15
Please see the PNC website for further details.

Student Government Representative Positions Open

If you are interested, please stop by the Dean of Students Office, the Office of Student Activities, or the Student Government Office to pick up a nomination packet, or see the attached. The packets are due back to the Dean of Students Office by Noon on Feb. 23. All applicants are asked to attend the Mar. 2 meeting to say a few words about themselves. A vote will then occur to select the new representative.

March = Softball Season
PNC softball season officially begins Mar. 3 with the Spring Break Tournament in Tucson, Ariz. The first home game is Mar. 14 at 3 p.m. against Taylor University.

Spring Break Coming Soon

PNC Spring Break is scheduled for Mar. 3 - 8. Get your plans together for a good break. If you take photos, send some to thevoice@pnc.edu and we'll put them in the paper.

The New PNC Student Facilities Building Plans Revealed

By Daniel Cook

Purdue North Central students could be walking into a new four-wing activities center as early as fall 2010 if the Indiana State Legislature appropriates the necessary \$28.5 million to break ground on the project.

The proposed building will be situated just south of the LSF building and include a gymnasium, field house, activities and conference center, and an auditorium.

A facility such as this will allow PNC students to have an athletic center for Panther sports and intramural leagues as well as house special events and graduation.

The activity and conference center will also further bridge the relationship with the surrounding community by offering a space to hold confer-

ences and formal events that the present campus cannot accommodate.

The concept of the building has already been approved by the Indiana Commission of Higher Education and its recommendation is now in the hands of state legislators.

"Between myself and Vice Chancellor Back, we have tried to speak with every person that could be helpful," Chancellor James Dworkin said, referring to the non-partisan support the project has from state government representatives Scott Pelath (D), Nancy Dembowski (D), Tom Dermody (R), and state senators, Anita Bowser (D) and Vic Heinhold (R).

"There is a lot of politics involved, and we [PNC] are a small player compared to other state schools."

Still, the prospect of the state legislature giving the go

ahead on the activities and conference center looks very positive. The Indiana State House of Representatives has called for an initial \$1 million for architectural and engineering monies.

Vice Chancellor Bill Back believes that there is a good chance that the Senate will build into the current budget the necessary funds to realize the full project.

Back said the campus could see an activities building in approximately two to four and a half years if the plans move forward by the fall of this year.

"This has been on the drawing board for 20-25 years; we are the only state school in Indiana that is without a facility like this," Dworkin explained.

"Our students shouldn't be treated any differently than any other students in the state."



Computer-generated composite of the planned Student Facilities Building to be added to the PNC campus.

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Adopt Us at the Humane Society



What a cute kitty! This fluffy, adorable friend is one year-old and his name is Shadow.

He is a brown/white Tabby who is neutered. His family had to move and could not take him.

He is homeless until someone adopts him and gives him a home. That person could be you.

Call the Humane Society at 1-800-352-6976 and ask to give him or a cat like him a home.



Awww! Doesn't he look lovable?

His name is Maxwell and is described as a black and tan Wire-haired Daushund.

Maxwell is male, not neutered, and is one 1/2 years-old.

He would love to have a friend to bring him into a warm, loving home.

Call the Humane Society at 1-800-352-6976 and ask to take Maxwell or a dog like him home.

Editorial



Daniel Cook Co-Editor

Show Me the Money

Oh, the sorry tale of young students that are struggling just to pay their tuition; the student often under twenty-five years-old, therefore unable to "emancipate" themselves with dignity from being a ward of their parents. A student who makes just enough to be broke, but not broke enough to receive a Pell Grant or a decent government subsidized student loan.

Our faculty see them struggle, unaware of the 18 credit hour load they are taking this term along with working 20, 30, or 40 hours a week. Perhaps it's not considered that this student, besides working and going to school, is trying

desperately to be involved in other school activities or raising a family.

The students may not realize that average college tuition costs have increased 35% over the last five years, without an equal rise in real wages, grant amounts, or loan opportunities.

In this regard, PNC students are doing comparatively okay with a bottom line 15% tuition increase since spring 2002. What this means is that the average 126 credit hour graduate will spend about \$2800 more today to complete their degree than the students that started their education before 2002.

This hike, of course, does not include the lab fees, technology fees, student services fees, and taxes which will add many hundreds or thousands of dollars more to the final cost of attendance.

The freshman of today will not see things get any easier. Tuition costs will go up steadily during their time at PNC or at any other university for that matter.

The travesty is that this is a non-issue for students; there is no student representation in regard to these matters, no movement to keep our tuition costs down and increase the amount of loans and grants that students can receive.

Purdue North Central Students Tout Good Voter Registration Numbers

By Daniel Cook

After the Nov. 2006 mid-term elections, a poll taken by *The Voice* showed that nearly 75 percent of Purdue University North Central students were registered to vote. Also according to the poll, 82 percent eligible to participate during the 2004 elections cast ballots.

PNC student voter registration is much higher compared to the overall national average for all college-aged students (18-24 years old) which was 57 percent in 2004 according to U.S. Census data. Party leaders should note that almost 32 percent of PNC student votes are up for grabs, since this group claimed no particular party affiliation. Thirty-three percent of students considered themselves

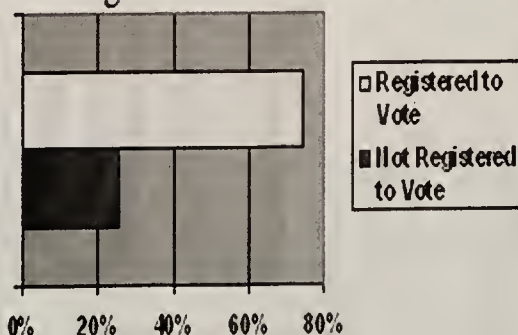
Democrats while only 25 percent claimed to have affinities toward the Republican Party. Less than 10 percent of voters declared themselves Independents.

The poll's anticipated finding was students' critical opinions of the Bush administration. In general, 73 percent of students disapprove of President Bush's job in office which leaves a 25 percent approval rating. These numbers closely reflect the sentiments of citizens across the U.S.

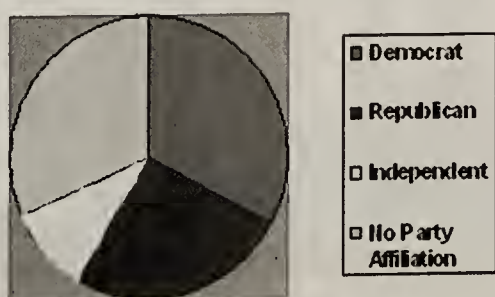
When asked to give the Bush Administration a grade, more students gave out Fs than any other mark. The final grade point average for the administration was calculated at 1.3 while the median grade was a flat D.

For further analysis the online edition of *The Voice*.

Registered PNC Student Voters

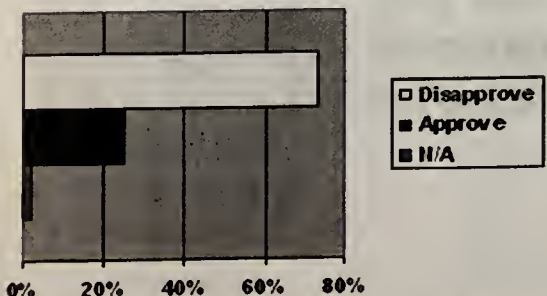


PNC Student Political Party Affiliation



Results based on 95% confidence interval (n=253) assuming a 80/20 homogeneity.

President Bush Approval Rating



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Modern Music Art

Beautiful Album Art Remains on CD Covers

By Trilaina Sibó

When buying a new CD, most people only notice the album art long enough to know who the artist is. Interesting or odd art may entice somebody into picking up the case, only to later end up face-down on a floor of their car. Few people see the art for what it actually is—a marketing gimmick and a piece of musical history.



Album art did not exist before 1939. There were no people, no pictures of buildings, no cartoons grinning madly at listeners. There were brown paper covers with titles printed in plain font. People hardly knew records existed at this point in time.

In 1939 graphic artist Alex Steinweiss convinced

Columbia records to let him design cover art for an album. "Smash Song Hits by Rodgers and Hart" became the first album to introduce cover art. It grew to be a huge success and began a new angle of marketing in the music community. People got more interested in buying music with the introduction of album art.

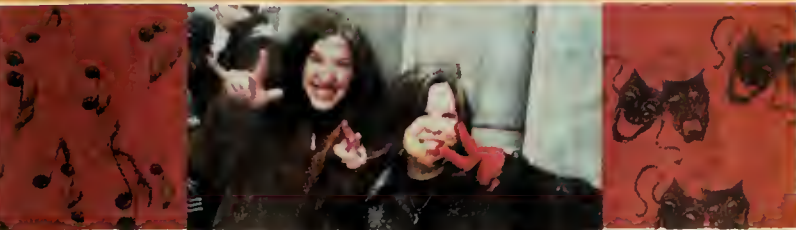
In the beginning of this new trend, album art was brightly colored and jazzy, such as the art for Art Blakey and Frank Foster. The Beatles later had a hand in changing this trend with their art for "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band." Before this album, most artists had little to do with their album covers. Now bands may have artists touch up photos six to twelve times before giving the art the okay.

Album art does not just tell what the music is about, either. Some bands use specific icons to show who the band is. Who can forget the tongue of the Rolling Stones or the dancing bears of the Grateful Dead? Album art can also be used to convey political statements, such as the "Murder 4 Hire" cover from Body Count. The cover shows Uncle Sam holding a sign that reads "Will kill for money."



Album art will continue to evolve. It has to due to the fact that covers keep getting smaller, so the art has to make more of an impact in a smaller area. Packaging also puts stickers on the covers, further shrinking the size available to artists.

Hopefully, too much of the rich history of album art won't be lost to the desire for more ad space and less storage area.



Music Review By Trilaina Sibó



Often we hear of popular bands and artists going to television or movies after making millions from their music, but rarely do we hear of the artists getting their break on television, except on the Disney Channel.

Kabouter Plop (Plop the Leprechaun) is actually a popular children's show in the Netherlands and Belgium. The show is about Plop who recalls his previous day to the audience and then falls into his dreamland. The shows usually contain some kind of moral.

Plop has starred in several movies, has theme parks, food, and merchandise. He seems to be something of the Blues Clues of Europe. The music from the show, however, is not only aimed at children. Songs such as "Kabouterdams," a song much like the Macarena, and "Lalala" are played at discos and parties for teens and adults alike. The songs are fast-paced and fun, allowing people to let loose and dance.

Information about the group is hard to come by on English sites, but can be found at www.last.fm

Book Review By Jessica Ring

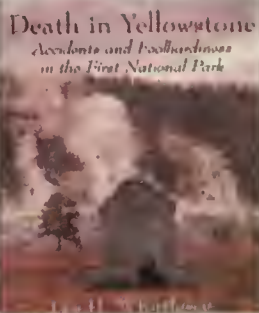
Death in Yellowstone: Accidents and Foolhardiness in the First National Park by Lee Whittlesy serves as part-historical piece, part-entertainment, and part-warning about the ever-present dangers of untapped wilderness.

Published in 1995 by Roberts Rinehart, *Death in Yellowstone* recounts the details of all the documented deaths, nearly 250, within the vicinity of the park since its opening. The author is a former park employee who declares his missive as an attempt to dispel the false sense of security visitors often embrace while visiting such national parks.

The book is divided into two parts: death by natural causes and death by the hands of other men. Whittlesy covers murder, drowning, bison, and bear attacks, falls, freezing, and severe burns sustained

from falling into Yellowstone's famed hot springs and geyser pits. The last of which is possibly the most horrifying and probably should not be perused while eating.

The subject matter may be a little gruesome for the palettes of some, but Whittlesy



declares numerous times throughout the book that the main intention is to warn against future injuries and fatalities. However, the earnestness of his message is largely diminished by the

grotesqueness of each tantalizing detail he lavishes upon the reader.

Admittedly, anyone who reads *Death in Yellowstone* will almost certainly think twice before placing their small child on the back of a sleeping bear or at least realize that a national park is certainly a work apart from Disneyland.

Jonita Davis and Sharon Birlson Kirkham

PNC Students Get Published

By Daniel Cook

Many aspiring writers often dream of the day when their prose, poems, and essays get published and sit on the same bookshelves next to the works of Hemmingway, Frost and Thoreau. This dream has come true for two PNC students, Sharon Birlson Kirkham and Jonita Davis. Their debut publications are available now at the campus and local bookstores.

Sharon Birlson Kirkham dons many hats as a flight attendant, LaPorte City Councilwoman, a PNC student, and a published writer.

Her first book for children of all ages, *Jesus, Please Bring Thumper Home*, is a high-spirited tale of faith, loss, and return based on a true story. Thumper, Kirkham's grandchildren's pet bunny, escapes into the woods one day and is thought to be lost forever. After searching everywhere it is finally their strong faith that brings Thumper home again.

The book is also a coloring book containing illustrations by local artist Dave Russell.

Kirkham said *Thumper*

was her "trial run" as a first attempt at self-publishing. Her forthcoming book is a collection of stories she has compiled over her seventeen-year career as a flight attendant.

Another PNC student and Michigan City native, Jonita Davis, recently signed copies at the campus bookstore of her first published novella *Domestics*.

A quick read, *Domestics* follows the tragic and violent life of Sarah, a victim of domestic violence, as she turns to using brutal violence herself to punish her abusers.

"It not chicks-lets," Davis warned. *Domestics* has

had mixed reviews, some claiming it to be too violent. Davis claimed that she intended to write a violent tale and though she tends to draw from personal experience in her fiction, she did not intend for the subject matter of the book to be anything more than entertainment.

Davis is also working on a second novel, a fictional horror story with the working

title *The First Light* along with her husband Donovan. Jonita and Donovan write together on the weekends when he's home from his



Jesus, Please Bring Thumper Home

A Story Book You Can Color
Written by Sharon Birlson Kirkham
Art by Dave Russell



job as a truck driver. She explained that they sometimes swap writing ideas over the phone when he is on the road.

Both authors' books can be bought at the PNC bookstore. To preview a tale from Sharon Birlson Kirkham's upcoming book, check *The Voice* online.

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RAD/SAFe Classes

The S.A.F.E. program is based upon the following ideas: Violent crimes are crimes of opportunity, and when you remove the element of opportunity, you reduce the risk of attack. Ninety percent of self-defense is mental preparedness, ten percent is physical and YOU are your best defense.

PNC Campus Police Department offers a free Self-defense Awareness and Familiarization Exchange (S.A.F.E.) program for women.

The S.A.F.E. program will be offered on June 6, 2007 from Noon-2 p.m. in LSF 02. Class size is limited. Call 219-785-5220.

This unique course provides participants with valuable information on how to become more aware of their surround-

ings, and participants learn five simple defensive techniques.

The program is a two-hour class taught by Campus Police Department personnel. S.A.F.E. educates women on how to protect themselves from crime and introduces pre-basic physical training familiarization methods which are non-strenuous. Each participant will be given a portfolio with more awareness information than is contained in the brief course.

For more information about PNC's S.A.F.E. program, contact instructors Chief Robert Gackle, Officers Mariann Midlar, Michael Wheeler and Robert Segally or Dispatcher Sue Zahn at extension 5220. For more information about the National Self-Defense Institute and S.A.F.E., go to www.nstdi.org.



Brownbag Series Continues

Purdue North Central will continue its Brownbag Series in the coming months, with Purdue North Central faculty, staff and community members leading programs that center on the topic of "diversity."

The seminars will vary in style and subject, but all will share the intent of presenting topics and issues that can contribute to the development of tolerant, inclusive campus and community cultural practices.

Some presenters will feature short film clips or interactive pieces that will stimulate conversation and discussion; others will present ideas for open dialogue and sharing of views and experiences.

The seminars will be presented from noon to 1 p.m., usually in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 144. They are free and open to the public. Varying opinions are welcome.

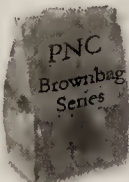
The next brownbag seminar will be part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities

on Monday, Jan. 15 when Janell Irving, PNC grants writer, will oversee an interactive dialogue concerning perception and bias entitled, "Obscured Perception: Beguiled By What We See."

Other seminars include: March 15 - Jodi James, PNC disability services coordinator, will present, "Mrs. James Takes over Washington" and discuss her week-long experience in Washington D.C. with a grassroots organization to further the rights of people with disabilities.

April 16 - Ten Tongues, featuring Cin Salach, a Chicago performance artist and gay and lesbian rights activist, will present a performance poetry and workshop on the Plaza in front of the Library-Student-Faculty Building. The performance is sponsored by the student organization OutLoud.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Mellin at 800-872-1231, ext. 5215. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact ext. 5215.



The United Way Makes Giving Back Only a Click Away

By Dan Cook

The local United Way website makes it easier for aspiring student volunteers to give back to the community. By being involved in the community, student volunteers are able to build a better resume and make important connections with area leaders.

To find all volunteer opportunities, log onto www.unitedwaylpc.org in LaPorte County or www.unitedwaypc.org in Porter County. Click the Volunteer Opportunities button to find what type of help is needed. You'll be surprised to find there is likely many opportunities right up the street from where you live.

A wide variety of projects, ranging from working with children, teens, the elderly, or the disabled, to helping cleanup the environment, aiding the homeless or victims of domestic abuse, are available to get involved in. This is hardly an exhaustive list of the opportunities available.

The United Way website makes specific social issue concerns easy to find. The site allows you to search for particular types of volunteer work and by entering a zip code, you can find places to give to right

in your community. There are also many one-time opportunities to help out various civic organizations.

When you give through The United Way, you get back by logging-in your volunteer hours. The website keeps track of the hours of work you have given and you are able to print your volunteer work to attach to your resume, present at a job interview, or insert in your graduate school applications. Just giving two hours a week towards volunteering during your four years in college will show over 400 hours of work when you graduate!

It's a great way to show that you have a commitment to your community, are a self-starter with leadership qualities, and that you have time-management skills.

The director of United Way, Porter County, Kathy Bonaventura, wants to encourage more students to get involved in volunteering. She has seen how it not only helps the community, but also helps students in their future careers and job prospects.

"Everyone has something to give," claimed Bonaventura. Thanks to The United Way website, giving is easier than ever.

Hyde Park Forum

Hyde Park Forum Speech Contest - April 18, 2007

For years at the Speaker's Corner in London's Hyde Park, all kinds of people have been free to set up soap boxes and speak their minds to pedestrians on any subject while responding to inquisitors and hecklers.

The Hyde Park Forum is an exciting annual speech contest held each spring on campus. The contest is open to all PNC

full- or part-time students. Here's what happens in each of the classrooms: each of 8-10 contestants gives a short persuasive speech and responds for two minutes to questions from the audience. Three or four judges determine first, second, and third place speakers.

All awards are presented at an Awards Ceremony immediately after all speeches are completed. All speakers will receive a Certificate of Achievement. All first place room winners compete in the "Speak Off!" a few days later.

Speak-Off! - Apr. 20, 2007

Each of the students who won awards in their individual rooms in the Hyde Park Forum are invited back to present their talks for a lunch-time crowd. Cash awards are given to the top three speakers, as determined by a panel of four judges.

The Speech Contest and Speak Off! are open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Dan Wilbur, TECH 272, Ext. 5472, or the Department of Communication Office, TECH, Ext. 5253.

PNC Assessment Test Dates

Students planning to attend Purdue University North Central for the first time will have the opportunity to take an assessment test in the near future that will help place them in appropriate PNC classes.

PNC reviews each student's academic background to determine if testing is necessary. A student's letter of admission from PNC will state if that student is required to take the PNC Assessment test. The assessment is a series of three tests - English, math, reading - that helps new degree-seeking students find classes that meet their needs.

Students may also choose to take specific tests if they are unsure of their ability. Students who graduated in the lower half of their high school class, or have a GED will be required to take the Placement Tests.

Tests will be given at the Westville campus on Feb. 21, March 20, April 25, June 20 and July 25 from 9 a.m. to noon and 6 to 9 p.m. and on Aug. 4 and Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon and Aug. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Tests will be given at PNC - Porter County at 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso, on July 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Aug. 7 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Testing begins promptly at the time indicated and takes approximately three hours. There is no fee and appointments are not necessary. Students have the option of

retesting if they are dissatisfied with their placement. Test results are provided for students immediately after completion of the test.

Test-takers who need a review of basic arithmetic skills or a basic algebra review before taking the assessment test may attend a SAM Test Arithmetic Review (STAR) or Basic Algebra Review (BAR) session. Students may attend one or both of the free sessions. No reservations are necessary.

The STAR session covers basic arithmetic skills - whole numbers, fractions, mixed fractions, decimals, order of operations and solving for the variable. Handouts will be provided. The BAR session is intended for students who need to brush up their basic background in algebra. This does not cover geometry, trigonometry, calculus and statistics.

STARS and BARS sessions will be Feb. 12, Mar. 12 and Apr. 16. The STARS review is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and BARS is from 7 to 8 p.m. Handouts are provided. Students need not register. Walk ins are welcome.

For information, contact the PNC Learning Center, 785-5200 ext. 5326 or visit www.pnc.edu/learningcenter/pa.html.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact Student Support Services at ext. 5312.

Eating Disorder Screening Feb. 27

The PNC Student Counseling Center, in collaboration with the Swanson Center of Michigan City, will offer anonymous and confidential screenings for eating disorders on Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 144. The event is free and open to the public. Healthy snacks will be available.

This program will offer education and screening to help persons who want to stop their own unhealthy eating as well as those who want information on how to help a friend with unhealthy or problematic eating behaviors.

This event will be of interest for educational purposes to anyone wanting to learn more about eating disorders.

Visitors will have the opportunity to pick up information, view an educational video or participate in an individual screening with a mental health professional. If appropriate, persons choosing to take the screening may be referred for complete evaluation.

There will be a drawing to win a gift certificate from PNC Coffee Central, located on the PNC campus.

This screening is presented as part of the National Eating Disorders Screening Program (NEDSP), sponsored by the national non-profit organization, Screening for Mental Health, and is being held at colleges nationwide in conjunction with Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Feb. 26 through Mar. 3.

Further information about the PNC screening can be obtained by contacting Diana Marovich, director of the PNC Student Counseling Center by e-mail dmarovich@pnc.edu.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Marovich.

The Student Activities Office is now accepting registration forms for the second annual Student Leadership Conference on Friday, Mar. 23, 2007 hosted by the Northwest Indiana Leadership Consortium. This year's event is at Valparaiso University and will feature two keynote speakers, lunch, and a series of workshops dealing with a variety of leadership topics. Due to the proximity of the Valpo Campus to PNC, participants will need to provide their own transportation to the conference. We are accepting registrations on a first-come, first-serve basis through Friday, Feb. 23 and registration is limited to the first 30 students. Please pass the word along to your members and stop by The Office of Student Activities (LSF 78/80) to register.

Accounting Students Offer Free Tax Service

Students from PNC tax and accounting classes are again offering free assistance to the public in preparing federal and state income tax returns. This program is designed to provide basic income tax return preparation to individuals with low to moderate incomes, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly.

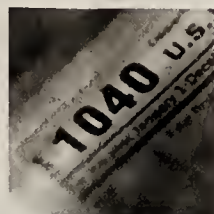
Help will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on all Saturdays from Feb. 17 through Mar. 31, except Mar. 10. The service will be in Room 171 of the Technology Building on the PNC campus.

Appointments are required. Walk-ins will be accommodated on a limited basis if free time is available at the time a taxpayer arrives. A very limited amount of walk-in time is expected.

This is the 18th year that PNC has participated in the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which offers free filing help to individuals and families with gross incomes of \$39,000 or less.

Gross Income is income from all sources. Income must come from wages, salaries, tips, pensions, ordinary interest, dividends, unemployment compensation or Social Security benefits.

Thomas Holets, continuing lecturer of Accounting and coordinator of the PNC program, said the student VITA volunteers are prepared to help with basic returns, including the 1040, 1040A, 1040 EZ, and the Indiana IT-40. Itemized deduc-



tions can be included if other qualifications are met, as can Earned Income Credit (EIC) and basic stock and bond transactions. Taxpayers are expected to participate in the e-file program, unless there is some technical reason which prevents e-filing.

E-filing is preferred by the IRS. It is free, quick, and much more secure than paper filing.

The volunteer tax preparers have completed 12 credit hours in accounting, including at least one tax course at Purdue North Central, and passed a rigorous IRS examination on tax rules and filing procedures.

Returns we will prepare:
Form 1040 with Schedules A, B, EIC, & R; Form 2441 (Child and Dependent Care Credit); Form 8863 (Educational Credits); Form 8812 (Additional Child Tax Credit); Indiana Tax Forms including Unified Tax Credit for the Elderly (SC - 40)

Forms we will not prepare:
Schedule C (Profit & Loss from Business); Complicated & Advanced Schedule D (Capital Gains & Losses); Schedule E (Rents & Losses); Form 2106 (Employee Business

Expenses); Form 3909 (Moving); Form 8606 (Non-deductible IRA); Form 8615 (Minor's Investment Income)

Taxpayers are asked to bring the following to their tax preparation appointment:

1. Valid Picture ID (Driver License Suggested)
2. Copies of ALL W-2, 1099 Forms, Interest Income statements and proof of other income received by taxpayer & spouse.
3. Social Security Card or Tax Identification Card (TIN) for taxpayer, spouse, and any other persons on the return (including children).
4. Copy of last year's federal & state tax returns (if available).
5. If a direct deposit is desired-bring a voided check with bank account numbers on it.
6. Amount of property tax paid or amount of rent paid and landlords name and address.
7. If daycare is paid during the year, bring a statement from the daycare provider showing their name, address, identification number and amount paid.
8. If filing a joint return, both taxpayer and spouse must be present to sign the return when a return is e-filed.

Please call the College of Business at 219-785-5200 ext. 5559 and leave your name and phone number.
Cecilia Kajer will call you back to schedule your appointment. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Kajer.

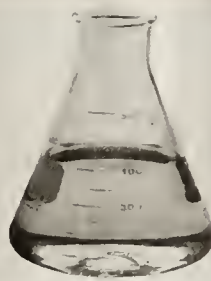
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Half empty.

Even though more women are attending college than ever before, women receive only **19%** of bachelor's degrees in physics, **26%** in computer science, and **18%** in engineering.

Source: National Education Association (NEA)

Support education for women and girls.



because equity is still an issue

American Association of University Women
AAUW Educational Foundation
AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund
visit aauw.org

PNC Offers Non-Credit OSHA Training

PNC Office of Continuing Education will offer a non-credit Occupational Safety and Health Administration training on what is needed for a business to comply with OSHA regulations.

This OSHA training is appropriate for managers and safety personnel from any type of general industry who are responsible for on-the-job safety, health and work practices required for compliance with OSHA regulations. Training is led by experienced instructors with OSHA inspector knowledge and practical INSafe experience.

Participants may earn the federal OSHA 10-hour card through the OSHA 10-hour course meeting Mar. 6 and 8, or May 3 and 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The registration fee is \$250.

The 30-hour card is available through the 30-hour course scheduled for June 5 to 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The course fee is \$475. There is also a \$45 book fee.

To arrange for customized safety training at your company, contact Phyllis Dranger at PNC-Porter County, (219) 531-4200, ext. 4207.

To register or to obtain information about this or other courses available through the PNC Office of Continuing Education, contact PNC - Porter County at (219) 531-4200, ext. 4207 or visit <http://www.pnc.edu/ce>.

Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact PNC - Porter County.

Student for a Day

PNC Experience: An Opportunity to be a PNC Student for a Day

PNC invites prospective students to take the opportunity to be a Purdue North Central student for the day through the PNC Experience.

The PNC Experience takes place at the PNC Westville campus on most Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The PNC Experience offers:

Meet with an admissions counselor to explore the admissions process; meet with an aca-

demic advisor in their area of interest; sit in on a PNC class.

Each student is given a PNC backpack, a course syllabus and writing materials. Take a tour with a PNC student. Enjoy a free lunch on campus.

Students are not required to bring a parent, but parents are welcome. Parents take our specialized parent tour with an admissions counselor while their student is in class.

To sign up, visit <http://www.pnc.edu/admissions/pncexperience.html> or call 219-785-5200 ext. 5505 to register. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact 219-785-5200 ext. 5505.

CERT Training Completed

Four PNC staff members were among the 19 volunteers who recently completed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. This is the seventh LaPorte County CERT training session.

In June of 2004 a team was established at PNC, the first and only university CERT group in Indiana. The PNC CERT group is composed of faculty, staff and administrators.

These CERT volunteers will be able to aid the police and other rescue workers should a disaster or emergency strike the campus or community and can assist with basic first aid, light search and rescue, small fire suppression and disaster scene organization. While they will not be used in place of the police, they will be able to provide critical support to emergency personnel and give immediate assistance to victims before help arrives.

The group completed a 21-hour training course, led by a

five-member team of professionals from the Michigan City Emergency Management Agency, the Michigan City Police Department, the Michigan City Fire Department, and the La Porte City Police Department that culminated in a disaster preparedness drill at the Michigan City Police Department that put the class training to the test.

PNC employees completing the CERT training are: Phyllis Dranger, manager, Continuing Education Programs; Cecilia Kajer, secretary to the dean, College of Business; Janet Knight, academic advisor and Carolyn Roper, assistant professor of Organizational Leadership and Supervision.

Others completing the training are: Carol Abshire, Michigan City; Connie Adams, Michigan City; Kevin G.

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Three Former PNC Professors Attain Emeritus Status

Three former PNC professors attained Emeritus status: Thomas Brady, professor emeritus of Industrial Engineering Technology; Patricia Buckler, professor emerita of English; Lawrence Machtinger, professor emeritus of Mathematics.

Purdue University has intended the emeritus title to honor those individuals who have produced significant contributions to the university through teaching, research or service. This honored status allows the faculty member additional university rights and privileges.

"Each of these professors dedicated their careers to educating our PNC students. We thank them for their commitment to their profession and the enthusiasm they brought to the classroom," said PNC Chancellor Dr. James B.

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Bush's Last State of the Union Address

By Lyndsie Daikhi

On Jan. 22, 2007, President Bush made his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress.

The President used the speech to present his agenda for the next year, which includes proposals for both energy conservation and healthcare.

In an appeal to bipartisanship, Bush called for reducing gasoline consumption 20 percent over the next 10 years. Also listed for attention in his last two years in office are new

immigration laws, a balanced budget, restructuring Social Security, and imposing tighter standards on schools.

In response to the president's address, the Democrats said that they agree on the need for certain measures regarding energy and healthcare, but they have different approaches for achieving these goals.

The war in Iraq, and, in particular, Bush's current plan to send more troops that country, remains the main point of contention between the Democrats and the President.

U.S. Declares Iraqi Shia Extremists Receive Iranian Weapons

By April Hodge

U.S. officials presented evidence that Iraqi Shia extremists are receiving military aid from Iran in the form of weaponry.

Great pains were taken to present highly-supported evidence in light of the non-existent WMDs. Also, the unveiling of the announcement was not covered to the same extent. Instead, three anonymous U.S. defense officials presented the news to reporters in Baghdad.

According to the news reports, the evidence presented was two rocket propelled

grenade rounds, mortar rounds, and ERPs (Explosively Formed Penetrators). Supposedly, all are traceable to Iran due to distinct characteristics that were identified by U.S. defense weaponry experts.

The recent arrest of many Iranians is defended by the U.S. who claims that the Iranian government supplies these weapons and that the Iranians had a part in smuggling them to the Iraqi Shia extremists.

One of the arrested Iranians is said to be the Chief Operating Officer of the al-Quds, an elite unit of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard.

Protest in Washington, D.C.

By April Hodge

Many people descended Washington, D.C. on Jan. 27 to demonstrate against the war in Iraq. Estimated numbers varied greatly from 100,000 to 150,000. According to various news sources, the march extended from the National Mall, up Constitution Avenue to the east front of the Capitol, and back to the Mall. As many as 300 buses were rented by groups to attend the event and the rest came by trains, planes, and automobiles.

Also attending was PNC student Cameron Kelly-Johnson. He described the march as "enormous." The pic-

tures for this article were taken by Kelly-Johnson while visiting the nation's capitol.

Hollywood stars Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon, Sean Penn, and others spoke at the march. Many signs supported impeachment of the president and stopping the war. To see footage of the march, visit YouTube.com where many videos have been posted by attendees. The video found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEYELcLoU0s> shows interviews with representatives, protestors, and celebrities.

A protest is scheduled for Feb. 15 as well as a march on the Pentagon set for Mar. 17, the 40th anniversary date of the 1967 march protesting against the Vietnam War.



Crowd estimates for the January 27 march varied according to source. Doubtless, there was a noticeable amount.

Hillary Clinton's Webside Chats

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Since Hillary Clinton decided to run for president, she has engaged in three Web chats.

In each chat people were able to ask Senator Clinton questions which they find most pressing, and she directly answered the questions via video.

Questions covered the war in Iraq, universal health care, Social Security, the economy, and even some personal questions.

Clinton used the Web chat time to promote her beliefs and the policies she would pursue if she were to become president of the United States.

This Web page and other forms of contact with common individuals via the Internet have become increasingly com-



mon in politics today. This may even change the way that politics is conducted in the future. Some proponents of the politics on the Internet may say that this will increase interest in politics for the younger generation.

To watch the Web chats or just to check out Hillary Clinton you can visit www.hillaryclinton.com

The Audacity of Hope

By Lyndsie Daikhi

and take into account others' problems.

Throughout his second book, *The Audacity of Hope*, Barack Obama states that the United States has lost its "sense of urgency" and that once we regain this "sense," we will then see all the changes that need to be made. In effect, we will then be able to fix all of the problems. This book outlines the problems that Obama sees currently and suggests how he would fix them, though not explicitly.

Obama's life story is common knowledge and makes him more likeable to numerous groups of people. His mother was from Kansas, his father from Kenya. He grew up in Indonesia and Hawaii which is not common at all. Obama's family history makes him even more engrossing to the public and it allows him to understand

Through out the book, Obama discusses the pervasiveness of partisan politics in Washington, which he sees as one of the most pressing problems that American politics. Obama believes that in order for our nation to get anything done, our political parties must move closer together, and that the majority party needs to show gestures of goodwill to the minority party. This book, written before the Democrats took control of Congress, seems to portray the GOP as mean, and it may very well be so; however, there also have been times in history when the Democrats were in control and did not make gestures of goodwill towards the Republican

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Essential Hodge-Podge

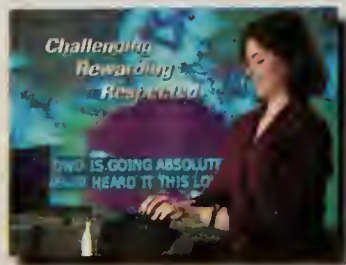
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Cheerleaders Looking for More School Spirit

By Daniel Cook

The PNC Panther Cheerleaders radiate school spirit and dedication towards our Panther Basketball team that is longed for with the rest of the student body.

Kacie Mihal, Morgan Hubbard, Meghan Seapan, Samantha Tabor, Jessica Gaddy and team leader Nikki Borcich, along with Coaches Jean-Ann Morton and Brenda Ludwig, make up the peppy squad that supports the PNC basketball players at every home game.

Oh, and don't forget Pounce the Panther our school mascot!

Commitment and team loyalty brings the squad together practically all year. Their year-round practices have to be scheduled very late in the evening because PNC currently lacks athletic facilities. Still, this extra obstacle doesn't stop this team from excelling.

Not only can they boast about their excellent academic standards, but they are very actively involved in service work for the community on top of running their own fundrais-

ing events to support the team financially.

Yet, they would like to see more PNC fans at the games.

"I don't enjoy putting a routine together as much, or the extra effort to put together a theme-night when we don't have fans to watch," said Borcich. The entire team agreed that the school needs more fan participation.

Beyond the court, the members of the squad are ambassadors for the school, involved in youth cheerleading camps, carwashes and community service. Coach Ludwig pointed out that this team has been the best group on campus when it comes to community service; they were the first group on campus to give to Hurricane

Katrina victims and are continually doing various service projects locally.

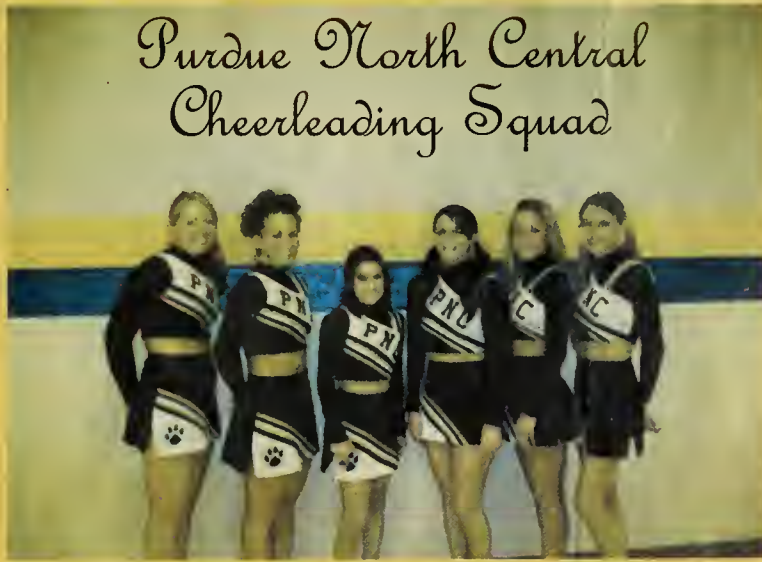
"Our kids here are every bit athletes as any other team and they're extremely dedicated," Coach of 10 years, Jean-Ann Morton, said with pride. Coach Morton would like encourage more of the PNC students to show their team spirit by getting involved in the spirit club and supporting our teams at the games.

The PNC cheerleading squad will be losing half of its team after spring graduation,

leaving spots open for the students that wish to show their PNC spirit. The team needs strong men to be lifters because the team desires to do more elaborate routines.

Coach Morton will hold tryouts toward the end of the academic year and plans on recruiting at local high-schools. Nikki Borcich, who is graduating but will return to help the squad next year, said with encouragement, "Our squad is not all hardcore. We have a lot of fun too!"

Purdue North Central Cheerleading Squad



Your PNC Panther Cheerleaders are [top from left to right] Morgan, the guy, Jessica, Sam, [bottom from left to right] Nikki, Meghan, and Kacie.

GO PANTHERS!!!

Basketball Player Jeremy McCelos - Up Close and Personal

By Eric Wozniak

It is safe to say that Purdue North Central men's basketball team has established themselves as a fierce competitor in the Chicago Land Collegiate Athletic Conference. The Panthers have set many school records including most wins in a season, and most conference wins in school history (5-3). Much contribution towards these successes comes from one of LaPorte County's own.

Jeremy McCelos, a 2002 graduate of LaPorte High School, has had a standout season. McCelos is currently the third highest scorer for the Panthers with 182-points, and is the best long range shooter that PNC has. McCelos hit his 30th long ball (team high) on the season February 10th, which is a leading reason why PNC tops the CCAC in three point shot percentage. Not bad for a player who was told in his junior year of highschool that he needed to do a lot of work on shooting and dribbling. But his role stretches far beyond the scoreboard. McCelos leads the team in assists with 57.

The key to a well rounded player obviously cannot solely lie in offensive statistics. McCelos is known for his speed on the court, which has enabled him to grab 32 steals on the season. The Panthers average 9.12 steals per game, which is second only to Judson College, who average 9.38 steals per game.

So what motivates a player like McCelos to excel? His reasons are selfless.

"I want to help put PNC on the map. I would love to contribute whatever I can to push us through the conference and into the championship. I want to do the same if we get to the national (Men's Div. II) tournament.

The dedication that McCelos brings to PNC originates in El Pe. McCelos played on the Slicer JV squad under Coach Luther, where he first

began to see his own potential.

"Coach Luther was always there to encourage me in whatever I did after I worked on what he told me to (shooting and dribbling), I made varsity, and we won sectionals the next season."

Improvement is something that cannot be worked on merely in spare time. It takes endless hours of sacrifice and practice, even if the practicing interferes with ones social life.

"I work full time in the summer, and then go strait to the gym to work on my game. While some were out on Friday night, I would be at the gym."

McCelos' hard work has propelled PNC to its finest moments, even though some moments weren't so optimistic. When the Panthers lost their no.1 scorer and lead rebounder Rodney Wash, it was evident that the team needed players to step up.

"I just go out and play hard no matter who is on the court with me, no questions asked...Rodney is a great player and it hurt us in the scoring and rebounding department when he left, but we got solid players who picked up the slack and did what they had to do to help us win we have matured a lot."

McCelos' blend of offensive finesse especially from behind the arc, combined with his defensive pugnacity, compliment his devotion to the team and his love of the game, which is something that is impossible to be overlooked.

"Basketball is just something I love deeply, and use to make some friends and let the time pass by."

McCelos accredits his time at PNC for his continued passion of the game.

"PNC has given me chances to go places I would have never gone to."

McCelos plans on graduating in the spring with a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership.



Superbowl XLI

By Sean Fitman

The lights and glamour are over; the field is quite and serene in Miami, the Superbowl has come and gone.

In the end, it was Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts that emerged victorious over the Chicago Bears. In a game that saw a, masterful Colts offense dissect a belittled Bears defense, it was the Indianapolis defense, which had been ridiculed over the season that stole the show.

Even as classes went on, in a sense the PNC campus was divided between Colts and Bears fans. Of course now the Colts fans are gleaming in their team's Superbowl glory while the Windy City cheerful are singing a somber toon.

Chris Sapone, a freshman and English major expressed his disappointment in saying,

"I'll admit it, I shed a tear. The Bears just blew it."

Colts fans are naturally a bit happier as Jon Foldrill also a freshman and Communication major stated before the game,

"I'd prefer if the Bears get picked apart by Peyton Manning."

Jon called it pretty well as that is exactly what happened. The Superbowl buzz has come and gone, but two sides are still divided between the thrill of victory and the empty feelings of what could have been.



PNC Panther #44 Adam "Dobs" Dobrzeniecki makes a lay up.

PNC Panthers Prowl into Second Place in CCAC

Panthers Move to 6-3
in CCAC
February 15, 2007

By Eric Wozniak

Thanks to a highly charged second half, the Purdue North Central men's basketball team earned a victory against conference rival Cardinal Stritch University, 90-89, Thursday night at the Scholl Center in Michigan City.

The win at least temporarily gives PNC sole possession of second place within the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference, with one game remaining in the regular season. The win also clinches the number two seed in the CCAC Tournament and allows the Panthers to receive a first round bye.

"We knew that we had to play like we wanted second place," said sophomore forward Dewitt Jackson.

The first half began sluggish for PNC, as the offense encountered problems penetrating the lane. Cardinal Stritch blocked five shots in the first half alone, establishing defensive dominance under the Panther basket. To the credit of the Wolves tight knit defense, the Panthers were held to a low 38.5 shooting percentage from the field.

It wasn't until senior Jeremy McCelos drained the Panthers' first three-pointer on the night, that the Panthers possessed any offensive momentum at all. Prior to the shot, PNC was down 24-16 with just under ten minutes to go in the half. The shot seemed to wake up the Panthers, as the pace of the game quickened.

After McCelos' three-pointer, the defense stole possession on the pass-in leading to a Terry Polk score, with an assist credited to sophomore Marlon Douglas. Junior Brian Bogus then took control on the next possession after the rebound, sprinted down court, made the lay up and drew the foul, which he converted. Following that score, Bogus earned a steal and then passed the ball off to Polk, for the third score in three possessions. The offensive scamper brought PNC to within three points, with just over four minutes in the first half.

At the end of the half, the Panthers trailed 42-37. Polk led the way with nine-points, and junior Adam Dobrzeniecki contributed eight-points.

When asked what motivated the Panthers to explode in

the second half the way they did, Bogus, McCelos, Polk, and Jackson all agreed that Coach Gordon gave the necessary pep-talk.

"We knew we needed to get hot in the second half... Coach told us this was our game to win, and it really was," said Bogus.

Jackson allowed PNC its first lead of the night, two minutes down in the second half, with a pair of free throws. McCelos earned one of his three steals on the night, at the 17 minute mark, which led to a successful attempt from downtown by Douglas.

As PNC gained the offensive upper-hand, the defense began clamping down on the Wolves. The Panthers earned seven steals, and forced Cardinal Stritch to turn the ball over 11 times in the second half. Polk was responsible for two blocked shots, and two steals.

"The more physical team wins, we just had to get in there and take the ball," said Polk.

When Dobrzeniecki fouled out he gathered his team around the Wolves' three-point line with three minutes to go in the game. He loudly stated that it was PNC's win for the taking.

"In years past, this team would beat us by 30 or 40 points each time. Now we beat them in a game like this," said Dobrzeniecki.

While McCelos took control around the perimeter, Polk cleaned up in the lane, and grabbed every rebound that came his way. Bogus took advantage of opportunities at the line to top off on the night.

While the Panthers seemingly had control of the game with less than 20 seconds, Cardinal Stritch connected on two consecutive shots from the field, and a last second three point bomb, ending the game.

"We earned where we are at," said McCelos.

Polk led all scores with 25 points and added 11 rebounds, while McCelos and Dobrzeniecki contributed 16 each. Jackson chipped in with 11 points and nine rebounds.

The Panthers take on Trinity International, Saturday February 16th, at Deerfield Illinois in their final regular season game at 7:30 p.m. Full CCAC Tournament pairings and schedules will be determined at the conclusion of conference play on Saturday night.

Due to the bye, the Panthers will play their first game on Wednesday night at Purdue Calumet against an opponent to be determined.

Sports Schedules for Feb. and Mar.

Sat. 2/24	Christian Brothers University (DH)	12 p.m. (e.t)	Memphis, TN
Sun. 2/25	Christian Brothers University	12 p.m. (e.t.)	Memphis, TN
Fri. 3/2	Spalding University	4 p.m. (et)	Louisville, KY
Sat.-Sun. 3/3 - 3/11	Spring Trip (8 games)	TBA	Pensacola, FL
Sun. 3/4	Madonna		
Urbana			
Mon. 3/5	Concordia (MI)	TBA	TBA
Tue. 3/6	William Penn	TBA	TBA
Wed. 3/7	Madonna	TBA	TBA
Fri. 3/9	William Penn (DH)	TBA	TBA
Sat. 3/10	Fisher	TBA	TBA
Thur. 3/15	Bethel College (DH)	1 p.m.	TBA
Sat. 3/17	Robert Morris College (DH)	12 p.m.	Chicago
Mon. 3/19	Grace College (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
Fri. 3/23	University of St. Francis-IN (DH)	1 p.m. (et)	Fort Wayne, IN
Mon. 3/26	Olivet Nazarene (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
Thur. 3/29	St. Xavier	3 p.m.	Home
Fri. 3/30	JV Games-Ancilla College (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
Sat. 3/31	Calumet College of St. Joseph (DH)	12 p.m.	Whiting, IN

BASEBALL

SOFTBALL

3/3-3/8	Spring Break Tournament	TBA	Tuscon, AZ
3/14	Taylor University (DH)	3 p.m.	Home
3/17	Franklin College (DH)	12 p.m.	Franklin, IN
3/18	Marion College (DH)	12 p.m.	Indianapolis, IN
3/21	Aquinas College (DH)	3 p.m.	Home
3/24	Concordia University (DH)	1 p.m.	Ann Arbor, MI
3/25	St. Francis University (DH)	1 p.m.	Home
3/27	St. Xavier University (DH)	3 p.m.	Home
3/29	Robert Morris College (DH)	4 p.m.	Chicago
3/30	Trinity International University (DH)	3 p.m.	Deerfield, IL



Pounce says:
"See you at the games!"

Go Panthers!

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Further information about CERT can be obtained by contacting John Jones at (219) 873-1499 or jjones@emichigan-city.com.

Obama from p.6

party minority.

Obama also pleads with the American public to try to remember all of the values that our nation was built upon. Quoting the Declaration of independence, Obama reminds us that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." Obama then denies that we should act only as individuals; instead, he believes that we all must support one another.

Overall, Obama's second book was quite an interesting read. It gives insight to the inner workings of a potential president's mind. Eloquently written, the book expresses Obama's deepest feelings: "I find comfort in the fact that the longer I'm in politics the less nourishing popularity becomes, that a striving for power and rank and fame seems to betray a poverty of ambition, and that I am answerable mainly to the steady gaze of my own conscience."

Whether these words are true or just a guise used to mask his true desires for power, we may soon find out. However, I would like to think that there is a truly honorable politician with fears, hopes and aspirations that are similar to those of most other Americans.



Horoscopes

AQUARIUS

You're likely to be in quite a flighty mood today, which indicates a need for light-hearted moments rather than serious or intense ones. Heavy discussions should be postponed and fun dates arranged. If you're single then an evening spent with lively friends will be right up your street!

PISCES

The perfect Valentine's Day for you today would be to spend it with a like-minded person. Unfortunately singles are not likely to meet someone who

matches that description, but don't give up on the whole idea of romance; there is still a great day to be had!

ARIES

You're due to have rather a fabulous Valentine's Day today, as it is highly likely that you'll realize you have a secret admirer! This person will probably want to play it cool, Aries, so make sure that you keep the magic and mystery alive by not uncovering the person's identity just yet!

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Common College Essay Mistakes

It may be tempting to skip over the college essay question on the college application, but don't do it! Colleges look closely at the application essay when deciding whether to admit students. If your test scores and academic record puts you in a gray area, the essay becomes even more important.

Why does the college want you to write an essay anyway? A great essay tells them what is important to you and shows that you have the maturity to succeed at college. This is your chance to tell them what is special about you that your test scores, grades, and recommendations don't show.

Below are some do's and don'ts to help you start writing that college entrance essay.

Do Be original and creative. Choose a topic that grabs the reader and gets a positive emotional response.

Don't Pick an obvious topic or write about broad social or political topics without relating them to your personal experience.

Do Use a personal anecdote, a bit of dialogue, or vivid imagery in your introduction to capture the reader's interest right away. Sprinkle these throughout the body of the essay to illustrate your preferences, values, and thought processes.

Don't Paint with too broad a brush by talking about every good thing you've ever done and ending up with a broad summary of your entire life. Concrete examples are better than generalities. Show-don't tell-the reader who you are.

Do Write a well-organized essay with an introduction, body, and conclusion.

Don't Write a disorganized essay with no clear beginning, middle, and end.

Do Use a positive tone in your essay. Write about things you enjoy, people you love, or valuable life lessons you've learned.

Don't Be sappy, over-dramatic, or negative. Try not to write about when your dog died or why you didn't get good grades in school.

Do Be truthful, while highlighting your best qualities.

Don't Lie or exaggerate. They are interested in you, not a fictional character!

Do Use your friends, parents, counselors, and teachers as resources. They can help you brainstorm ideas, give you feedback about your essay, or help you find mechanical errors.

Don't Try to do this without any help from your friends, parents, counselors, and teachers. It can be really frustrating writing without getting a reaction from anyone.

Do Polish it. Check for spelling and grammatical errors. Type it. Have a friend or relative proof it.

Don't Spend just 15 minutes writing it on the back of a napkin.

Feeling overwhelmed? You are not alone! Although this can seem like a daunting task, there are some tools that will help you out. Make sure to have a dictionary, thesaurus, and The Elements of Style by Strunk & White handy. Also, there are a number of good resources on the Internet where you can find information on writing a college essay. Search for "College Essay" from any search engine. Or go to your local library and look for a book about writing a college essay.

Dear Starchild,

I am a bit confused. I have been seeing this guy for awhile but he now wants to marry me. However I am not sure if I am ready. He is always telling me that he loves me and that is great. But I don't think that I am ready. What should I do? Do I say yes or do I say no?

Truly Confused

Dear Truly Confused,

No one can tell you if you should marry him or not. That decision is up to you and you alone. If you don't love him then don't marry him. If he does not like your answer then kick

his sorry butt to the curb. That is all I can say about that.

Celestially Yours,
Starchild

Dear Starchild,

I don't know what to do. I have a serious problem. I am having a lot of problems with one of my classmates. He is always trying to act superior to me and treating me like crap. I have talked to one of my friends about this but all my friend tells me is to deal with it and don't let it get to you. But the thing is it does get to me. What should I do?

Sincerely,
Bothered

Dear Bothered,

I have to go on record by saying I completely agree with your friend. The other thing I have to say is you are in college now. Grow Up. If this classmate is truly bothering you talk to them face to face. But trust me take my advice on this part. Just ignore it. Be the bigger person. Only a child tries to create problems. Let your classmate be the baby.

Celestially Yours,
Starchild

Starchild says "Party Hard!" on Spring Break.

Have a problem that you need solved? E-mail it to ask_starchild@yahoo.com

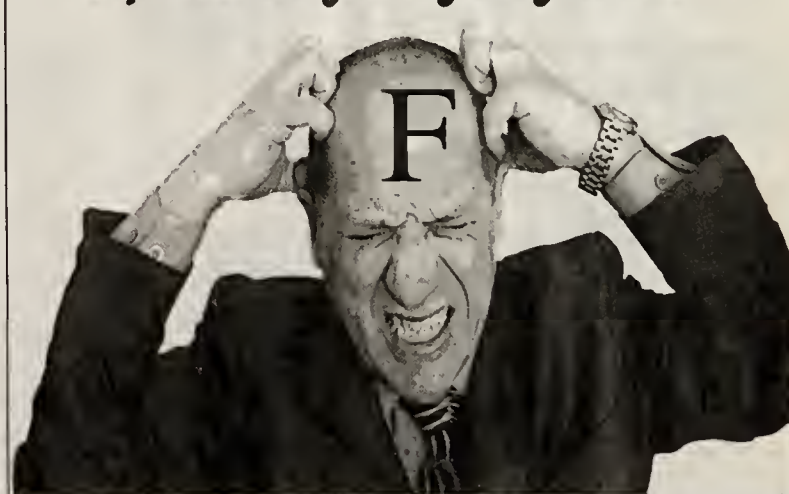
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The diligent student studies for an exam...



The professor delights in grading the exam ...



Student receives a rewarding career!



Shoshone Indian's Herbal Answer to the Pill



The *Lithospermum redelae* (pictured above) is found in California. According to Shoshone Indian traditions, it can be used as a birth control measure.

The Shoshone of Nevada are said to be sophisticated in herbal medicines, collecting their own plants in nearby mountains. It was among these people in the 1930's that the use of *Lithospermum rudeale* as a contraceptive was discovered. The first reports indicated that a cold water infusion from the roots taken daily as a drink for a period of six months would ensure sterility thereafter. Under U.S. Department of Agriculture auspices, pharmacological research was carried out on this plant, and in 1945 a laboratory study was published confirming the effectiveness of this plant as a contraceptive. Since 1945 a dozen or more serious laboratory studies on animals have been made, all confirming the contraceptive

properties of the plant. The active principle, called Lithospermic Acid (LA), in low concentration acts specifically on the pituitary gland, suppressing the production of gonadotropins (hormones which stimulate the sex glands) and certain pituitary hormones. This type of "antihormonal" action is said to be pharmacologically unique and the effects of the drug do not seem to be duplicated by other known compounds. LA is highly soluble and may be extracted by cold water. The resulting solutions are usually yellow or brown in color. The use of *Lithospermum* extract produces suspension of the estrus cycle, (the entire sequence of changes in the female reproductive organism and a diminution or inhibition of the secretion of estrogens and androgens (sex hormones)). In one laboratory test the suspension of the estrus cycle was maintained for eight months. Removal of the animals from the *Lithospermum* diet produced an immediate return to relatively normal capacity. The immediate return to normal estrus cycle indicates the *Lithospermum* produces no permanent or irreversible changes within the body, and examination showed no damage to the pituitary gland. Normal animals previously on a regular diet in turn, responded within ninety-six hours to *Lithospermum* extract. Depending upon the type of test animals and the concentration of *Lithospermum* administered with the food succeeded 51% to total effectiveness. The relative abundance of Lithospermic Acid in the vari-

ous parts of the plant is as follows: The flowers and seeds contain the maximum concentration; the roots are second and the leaves third; the stems contain very little. The plant tops maintain a more or less constant amount of activity over the growing season; in the roots, the concentration is at its lowest in June and at its highest in September (apparently when the active principle leaves the root the plant begins to grow). There are six species of *Lithospermum* and all showed marked antigonadotropic activity. Extracts of *Lithospermum latifolium*, *L. croceum* and *L. rudale* are active at less than 1 mg. dose levels. A test of the root *L. rudale* after three years storage showed that the active principle was still highly effective. There is no appreciable difference in activity between fresh and dried root extracts. The activity of the root extract, however, rapidly deteriorates. For those interested in finding this plant, it grows on the high, dry slopes and plains from Placer to Modoc counties in California. In testing other plants during the early laboratory examination of *Lithospermum* it was found that two others had a comparable amount of activity: the common Borage (*Borago officinalis*) which belongs to the same family as *Lithospermum*, and the leaves of a common Raspberry (*Rubus idaeus*), the dried plant being better than the fresh. The Raspberry proved inactive, however, which is too bad, as you could then enjoy the fruit and gain its side benefits at the same time. - San Diego FREE DOOR Issue # 3 - May/June 1970

Sudoku Puzzle

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Cryptoquote

A cryptoquote is a code made by substituting a different letter for each letter of the alphabet. In a particular code, for example, the l's might be replaced by j's, & the j's might be replaced by b's. Every letter is usually changed and a different code is used for each problem.

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- Across
1. Comic Carvey
5. Peke's double speak?
11. Jamaican music that gave rise to reggae
14. Regrets
15. Lodge builder
16. Plague or curse
17. "Yes!"
19. Strings of islands?
20. Small, globular, & glistening
21. Faux follower
22. "My Wicked, Wicked Ways" author Flynn
24. "Yes!"
27. "Ignorance ___ excuse"
28. Sham locks
29. Sci-fi sighting
31. "Yes!"
38. Whoville creator
41. Teamwork deterrent
42. 1961 Charlton Heston role
43. "Yes!"
46. Cost-of-living stat
47. Broken-down horse
48. Soy-based Japanese soup
51. "Yes!"
57. Reserved or preserved
59. Mr. Nahasapeemapetilon of "The Simpsons"
60. Dissuade
61. Private bed?
62. "Yes!"
65. Extremely popular
66. Media ___ (press conferences, e.g.)
67. Roger of "Robin Hood: Men in Tights"
68. Heavens
69. "___ Thou Now O Soul" (Whitman poem)
70. Once-grounded fliers
- Down
1. Olive ___ (Army uniforms)
2. Pot-___ (French dish of boiled meat and vegetables)
3. Extremely wicked
4. Back-of-the-hand remarks
5. Gulf War Patriot, for short
6. Cuts the crop
7. Al ___ (PLO faction)
8. Dispatch boat
9. Prepare to drag
10. Leisure hours
11. Rudely reject
12. "Shimmy, Shimmy, ___ Bop" (1960 Little Anthony and the Imperials hit)
13. Eddie in "Beverly Hills Cop"
18. Tom Clancy's Jack
23. Orion's left foot
25. Blubber
26. A real fly-by-night
29. The Beach Boys' "Surfin' ___"
30. March lead-in (abbr.)
32. "Is it soup ___?"
33. What Dorian Gray didn't do
34. Chat room chuckle
35. Provides with gear, in Gloucester
36. Chill
37. Reagan R&D program
39. Kind of boom
40. Pool table foundation
44. "Blech!"
45. Five-octave singer Sumac of Peru
49. "___ Anything" ("Oliver!" song)
50. French sisters
51. Amusingly clever
52. "They Died With Their Boots On," for one
53. Ahead, but just barely
54. Clumps of grass
55. Attack from all sides
56. Head lock
57. "I Ain't Marching Anymore" singer Phil
58. Cubbyhole
63. Sch. founded by Thomas Jefferson
64. Tenn. hours

Human Interest

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Obama Announces His Candidacy

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Barack Obama officially announced his candidacy for the Democratic Party's nomination for president on Saturday, Feb. 10. Obama did so at one of the most historic sites in Springfield Ill., the old capitol steps where President Lincoln delivered some of his most famous speeches.

Throughout the speech, Obama used historical references to infer what he could do if he were to be elected president of the United States of America.

The newly announced candidate also cited his lack of experience in federal government as a positive attribute. He appealed to those who feel that politicians become so enamored with power that they fail to



remember, or even care about, what the people want or need.

"I know I haven't spent a lot of time learning the ways of Washington. But I've been there long enough to know that the ways of Washington must change," Obama said.

Obama is one of the many candidates who are vying for the Democratic nomination, a long list that includes former First Lady Hillary Clinton.

How the World Perceives US

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Whether we Americans like it or not, we are not popular in the world right now. In a recent survey by the BBC World Service, 26,000 people from 25 different countries were asked about their opinions regarding the United States and its foreign policy.

Some of the United States' most ardent allies have become increasingly less ardent over the past couple of years.

Great Britain, once one of the most closely linked with the United States, has increasingly become opposed to United States foreign policy. Fifty-seven percent of the British population sees the United States influence in the world as negative. Over 81 percent of Britons disapprove of the war in Iraq, 76 percent disagree with the United States treatment of detainees at Guantanamo, and 79 percent also disapprove of the United States' approach to global warming. An even more stunning fact that has come out of this survey: 72 percent of Britons see the United States military presence in the Middle



East as "provoking more violence than it prevents."

German opinion of the U.S. has also dropped dramatically. An overwhelming 88 percent of Germans disagree with the United States' approach to the war in Iraq. Nearly three out of four Germans believe that the United States is a destabilizing force in the Middle East.

According to the poll, France is the nation with one of

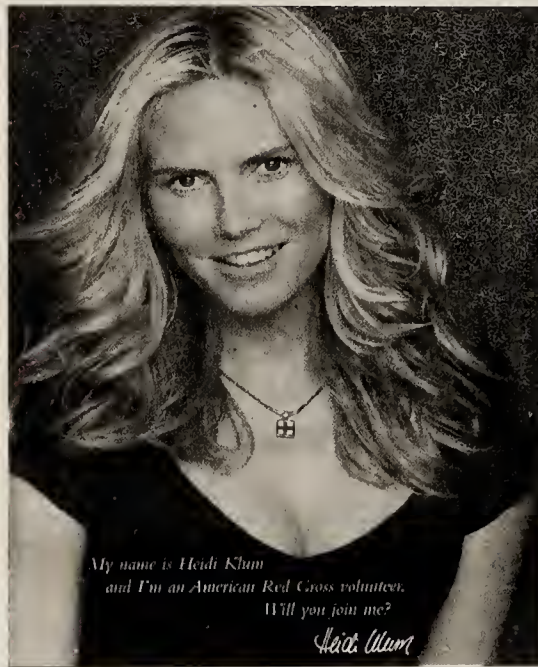
the most negative views of the United States and its policies toward Iraq. An overpowering 92 percent of the French disapprove of the war.

There are still some nations that see the United States favorably. Seventy-two percent of the people in the Philippines see the United States in a positive light; although, this has dropped from 85 percent in 2006. An astounding 55 percent

of Filipinos approve of the way the U.S. has handled the war in Iraq. This is the highest favorable percentage of any country polled.

The U.S. also has a high overall approval rating in the African nation of Kenya. A large majority of Kenyans, 70 percent, see the United States as a positive influence on the world. Fifty-nine percent of Kenyans agree with the United States' handling of the war in Iraq, 62 percent agree with the U.S. approach to Iran's nuclear program, and 56 percent agree with the US response to global warming.

Another African nation that approves of the United States is Nigeria. Seventy-two percent of Nigerians see the U.S. influence in the world as positive. Nigeria was the only nation surveyed to see the United States presence as a stabilizing force in the Middle East with 49 percent responding in the positive. It was also the nation that held the highest approval rating of treatment of detainees at Guantanamo and other prisons with 45 percent of Nigerians polled responding in the affirmative.



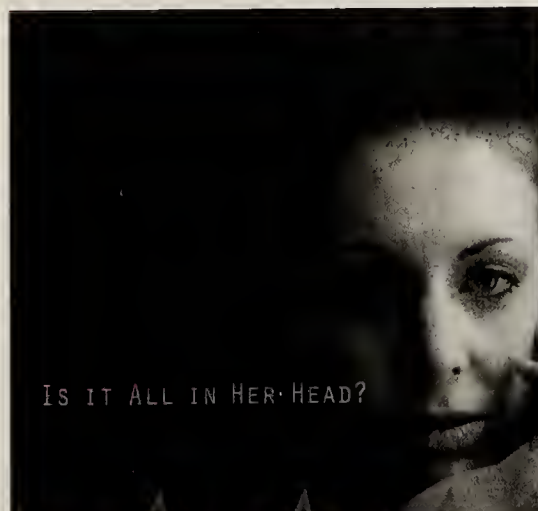
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New York Times Best Seller List Week of Feb. 11, 2007

This Week February 11, 2007 Non-Fiction

- 1 **THE AUDACITY OF HOPE**, by Barack Obama. (Crown, \$25.) The Illinois junior senator proposes that Americans move beyond their political divisions. Last Week 1 Weeks on List 15
- 2 **PALESTINE PEACE NOT APARTHEID**, by Jimmy Carter. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.) The former president calls for revitalizing the peace process. Last Week 6 Weeks on List 10
- 3 **THE INNOCENT MAN**, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$28.95.) Grisham's first nonfiction book concerns a man sentenced to death for a crime he did not commit. Last Week 2 Weeks on List 16
- 4 **MARLEY & ME**, by John Grogan. (Morrow, \$29.95 and \$21.95.) A newspaper columnist and his wife learn some life lessons from their neurotic dog. Last Week 4 Weeks on List 67
- 5 **WHAT A PARTY!** by Terry McAuliffe with Steve Kettmann. (Thomas Dunne/St. Martin's, \$24.95.) The former head of the Democratic National Committee recalls his experience as a fund-raiser. Last Week N/A Weeks on List 1
- 6 **POWER, FAITH, AND FANTASY**, by Michael B. Oren. (Norton, \$35.) A history of America's relations with the Middle East starting in 1776. Last Week 10 Weeks on List 2
- 7 **I FEEL BAD ABOUT MY NECK**, by Nora Ephron. (Knopf, \$19.95.) A witty look at aging from a novelist and screenwriter ("When Harry Met Sally"). Last Week 5 Weeks on List 26
- 8 **THE GOD DELUSION**, by Richard Dawkins. (Houghton Mifflin, \$27.) An Oxford scientist asserts that belief in God is irrational and that religion has done great harm in the world. Last Week 9 Weeks on List 19
- 9 **THE WORLD IS FLAT**, by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$30.) A columnist for The Times analyzes 21st-century economics and foreign policy. Last Week 12 Weeks on List 95
- 10 **ABOUT ALICE**, by Calvin Trillin. (Random House, \$14.95.) The New Yorker writer's recollections of his deceased wife. Last Week 7 Weeks on List 4
- 11 **CULTURE WARRIOR**, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$26.) The host of "The O'Reilly Factor" describes a culture war between traditionalists and secular-progressives. Last Week 8 Weeks on List 18
- 12 **FREAKONOMICS**, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow, \$27.95.) A maverick scholar and a journalist apply economic theory to nearly everything. Last Week 11 Weeks on List 90
- 13 **BORN ON A BLUE DAY**, by Daniel Tammet. (Free Press, \$24.) A memoir by an autistic savant who can perform extraordinary mathematical calculations. Last Week 3 Weeks on List 2
- 14 **TOO SOON TO SAY GOODBYE**, by Art Buchwald. (Random House, \$17.95.) A humorous valediction from the syndicated columnist, who died in January 2007, also looks seriously at end-of-life issues. Last Week 14 Weeks on List 2
- 15 **SUPREME CONFLICT**, by Jan Crawford Greenburg. (Penguin Press, \$27.95.) The ABC correspondent argues that President Bush has succeeded in moving the Supreme Court decisively to the right. Last Week N/A Weeks on List 1
- 16 **FINAL EXAM**, by Pauline W. Chen. (Knopf, \$23.95.) A surgeon reflects on her experience with dying patients. Last Week N/A Weeks on List 1

Information compiled from New York Times website.



First Annual PNC Career Fair

Sponsored by the Office of Career Development

Friday, April 13, 2007
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
LSF Room 144

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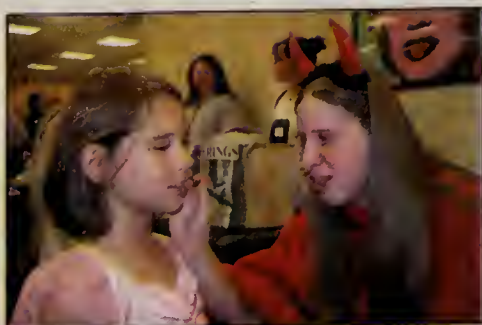
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The PNC Children's Halloween
Party sponsored by the Office of
Student Activities and Student
Organizations was held on
October 27.
Over 300 visitors attended the
fun event.

Photos provided by the Office of Student Activities





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Chancellor's Leadership Award

By April Hodge

Every year the chancellor awards twenty \$1000 scholarships to PNC students. Fifteen of the scholarships are awarded to new students and the rest are awarded to continuing students.

Applying is easy and is available online through the PNC website at www.pnc.edu/sa/claapplication.html.

To be eligible for the award, a new student needs to have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and be involved in campus activities.

Continuing students receiving the award need to have previously completed the Chancellor's Leadership Seminar, must have twenty-four credit hours, must maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA, and present evidence of engagement in

campus and community activities in the previous academic year.

Requirements for the scholarship include attending the chancellor's leadership seminar the next fall semester, participating in the Dean's Leadership Group as well as being active in at least one other campus club or organization, providing at least thirty service hours per semester to PNC through campus/community activities, and attending one general reflection meeting/event with the chancellor each semester.

On average, 20 to 30 new students and 6 to 7 continuing students apply for the Chancellor's Leadership Award each year. This means that there is a good chance that an applicant will be awarded the \$1000-per year scholarship.

Quite please, rehearsals in session



PNC players get comfortable in new digs at Michigan City's Mainstreet Theater. Rehearsing for the production of Ben Jonson's "Everyman's Humor" are, left to right, Erynn Gaunt, Ashley Davis, Cody Cornett; in foreground are Brett Evans and Hannah Holmes-Robbins.

PNC Theater Program Takes Mainstreet Stage



The Mainstreet Theater's stage sits empty anticipating the first PNC performance of Jonson's play.

Sometime in April will be opening night for the newly reinvigorated Purdue North Central theater program.

Under the direction of Professor Paul Hecht a group that includes both traditional

and non-traditional students, some with a great deal of acting experience, and some with little or none, will present Ben Jonson's *Every Man and His Humor*, a classic of the Elizabethan era.

It will also be opening night for a new "town and gown" venture that puts the PNC players into a professional theater setting, Michigan City's Mainstreet Theater.

Under the ongoing arrangement, theater-program students will gain experience as cast and crew for performances, and can also take part in the more traditional theater arts experience through reading and studying drama.

The play, written by a contemporary of Shakespeare, follows a young man's journey into upper-class London, a world of folks ruled by "outrageous humors" - delusions of grandeur, addictions to expensive tobacco, poetry fetishes and management problems.

The play is a comedy, but not without a universal message that is relevant today, a message about the class and social tensions that threaten to tear families and communities apart.

U.S. Military Recruiters Make Presentation on Iraq

By April Hodge

On Mar. 1 Living in Iraq: A Soldier's Perspective was

hosted by Active Voices, a PNC club that promotes community awareness and involvement. Speaking were Staff

Sergeant Jared McMahon and Corporal Rupert Kurmis.

McMahon and Kurmis presented a slideshow of various pictures depicting soldiers interacting with Iraqis.

The audience addressed questions to the soldiers. Main concerns were the increasing adversity to the war and the seemingly ongoing U.S. military presence in Iraq.

McMahon and Kurmis stated that the sectarian clashes promoted by the fundamentalists thwart the military's ability to stem violence in Iraq. Both soldiers stated that they cannot wait to go back.



U.S. Army soliders McMahon (left) and Kurmis

PNC BITS

Nursing Scholarship April Deadline

Seven scholarships are currently open to Purdue North Central nursing students. Applications can be obtained from the Purdue North Central home page, the nursing department's website, the nursing office, or the Financial Aid Office, if applicable. The deadline for submitting applications is April 1.

Club Member of the Year Nominations

Time to nominate your club or another club that you think deserves the recognition. Nominate one of your club members for club member of the year or your advisor for club advisor of the year. While you're at it, don't forget the Leadership Award. This award is given by the Student Government to recognize great leadership. All necessary paperwork can be found at the dean of student's office which is due back there by Mar. 29, 2007.

Awards will be presented at the Purdue University North Central Student Awards Night on Apr. 20, 2007 at 6 pm in LSF 144.

Yoga Classes Begin

Thurs. Mar. 22 for faculty, students, staff. Got \$25? Call Todd Laux, 5519.

Stambaugh Elected New SGA Member

Carl Stambaugh was elected the new SGA member on Mar. 2. One other person had applied, but backed out the day before the election took place leaving Stambaugh the only applicant.

The SGA holds elections every academic year. Look for further information on the elections for the 2007-2008 year.

Basketball Wrap-Up -

Panther Hoopsters Closeout With Winning Season

By Eric Wozniak

The PNC basketball team ended their season as they fell to Trinity International 63-59 at Hammond in the semi-finals of the CCAC Tournament.

The Panthers finished with a record of 15-14 overall, 6-4 within the conference. The season record gives PNC its most wins in school history.

Junior Terry Polk earned a

spot on the 2006-2007 All Conference Team, as he put up 323 points on the year averaging 11.1 points per game.

Polk also grabbed 43 steals on the year. Senior Jeremy McCelos was given honorable mention. McCelos recorded 65 assists and went 38-82, for 46 percent, from behind the arc.

Adam Dobrzeniecki led the Panthers in overall scoring with 309 points, averaging 13.9 points a game. Dobrzeniecki also led PNC in rebounding with 195 total, averaging seven boards per game.

The loss came at a disappointment for junior Sylvester James. "I'm still kind of in shock... I didn't really know how much I wanted to win until we lost."

Although he acknowledges the early and arduous morning practices are over for now, James admits the good times were well worth the hard effort.

"I really am going to miss playing and working with these guys for now, especially the outgoing seniors, but we will still be strong next year," commented James.



Adam Dobrzeniecki, #44 junior, was PNC's leading scorer for the 2006-2007 basketball season.

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Dredging Up a Solution to Campus Languor

By Jonita Davis

Every seven years the waters of Lake Michigan slide away from the sandy shores. The harbor that thrives off those lake waters suffers, becoming too shallow to navigate. Then, after that seventh year reaches a close, there's a turn; the waters start coming back. Over the course of the next six years, the waters of Lake Michigan return to the shore, washing into the harbor, and pushing the boats back to their destination. In the last stage of this continuous water cycle, all is well at the lakefront--that is, until the water turns away from the shore once again.

PNC has a similar cycle, one that revolves around the pride and enthusiasm that students have toward student activities and organizations. In this cycle, there are a series of low-level years in which club memberships dwindle, and the turnout at campus events is dismal at best. Then, there is a turn. Students become eager to be a part of campus life. Activities flourish around campus, and clubs are revitalized with new talent. The high level of exuberance around campus pushes the students to want to be a part of the campus community. According to Gary Demski, director of student activities, we are in a seven-year cycle now that hit its lowest point just after the turn of the millennium.

"When I first started as Director of Student Activities

on July 1, 2003, there were seven active clubs on this campus," Demski said. "Currently we have 28 active student organizations. In addition, we have numerous successful events."

Four years later, PNC seems to be on the precipice of either a downturn in the campus atmosphere or an even bigger upswing in student attitudes toward campus activities. One can only wait and see while the cycle goes on in whatever direction is next.

To understand the causes of the PNC cycle of student interest/disinterest, perhaps we should look at the leadership of organizations around campus. For example, the lows or ebbs happen around the time that the strong club leaders graduate, leaving the campus shores for the open water of the postgraduate world. Left behind are organizations that struggle under new leadership too inexperienced to take on the tasks before them. After a year or two, the experience comes in, bringing a flow of student activity. The once struggling novice is now a strong leader, storming about campus to rally others to get involved. In time, these amazing leaders also leave, and the process begins again.

How do we end this cycle? When the ports along Lake Michigan begin to notice even the slightest turn in the water levels, they begin the processes that will bring in the Army Corp of Engineers--and their heavy equipment. Long before

the harbor gets too shallow to navigate, the Army Corp, using the machinery, digs into the bottom of the harbor to make the channels deeper. Navigation is then uninterrupted during the low water years; vessels sail in and out not noticing the change.

We need to dredge--now before today's leaders begin to pull away from the campus. By dredging I mean coming together to dig deep for ideas on making the flow of strong student leadership consistent. "We need an overlap," says Carol Kurmis, TRIO advisor. She believes that the club leaders need some system to train new leadership before the old leaders leave. As a matter of fact, her organization, TRIO is all about training student leaders. The group "grooms for the boardroom" offering opportunities for students to use their classroom skills in activities such as grant writing for funding, and running the TRIO scholarship. Kurmis admits, however, that even TRIO has been affected by the ebbs in student involvement. She believes that having a consistent flow of leaders is the only way to break the ebb/flow cycle.

The ebb and flow of the waters of Lake Michigan is natural, but those affected by the cycle have learned to deal with it. PNC too has a natural ebb and flow of leaders, but the campus community doesn't have to learn to deal with it. We must band together to overcome it. Let the dredging begin.

Editorial

Not Everyone Takes Part In Spring Break Party

By Jessica Ring

Every spring break, hoards of college students are depicted flying off to paradise to party with their friends. Some return with healthy tans and everlasting memories, and some have to explain to fretful parents about how they ended up on the cover of *Girls Gone Wild*. However, the glamorized privileges of the few rarely reflect the larger sum of less-exciting, and certainly more impoverished, lot of us who stayed home and slept for seven days.

American Demographics of 2005 states that 2.5 million students will spend \$1 billion dollars on beach travel and alcohol consumption. That encompasses roughly 15 percent of 15.9 million college students nationally.

According to an article featured in *USA Today*, Cancun remains the most popular international spring break destination for college students. Last

year, an estimated 170,000 college students ventured to the city's veritable tourist-appropriated sections. Generally running from \$600 to \$1,200, vacations to Mexico are ideal for college students because of affordability "and, of course, being international, you can drink when you're 18," says Matt Scriven. Scriven is the president of Paradise Parties in Aurora, Colorado.

Runners up include Acapulco, Mexico; South Beach, Florida; and Nassau, Bahamas.

However, what is being dubbed as "alternative spring breaks" are growing in popularity as well. Break Away, the leading company for organizing such trips, indicated that about 5,000 college students participated in an "alternative" program in 2002 and the numbers continue to steadily rise. Students spend a week working on a charitable community service act, be it working with HIV



victims, the homeless, or even on Native American reservations.

In addition to giving back to their community, students are continually learning throughout the entirety of their "alternative" vacation. If nothing else, an alternative spring break certainly does not look bad on any future graduate school application or job resume.

Fifteen percent of college students rushing out to beaches worldwide to party is no small number. It does, however, leave 85 percent of us unaccounted for. Statistically, at least, spring break is hardly the gluttonous norm that factions like MTV purport it to be.

Did You Know? March 8 Marked International Women's Day

By Lyndsie Daikhi

On March 8, 1975, the United Nations celebrated the first International Women's Day, during what came to be known as the International Women's Year.

The UN sought to create a day "when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political."

According to the charter, "It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and

opportunities that await future generations of women."

The very first National Women's Day was celebrated in the United States on February 28, 1909. The Socialist Party of America created this day to pay tribute to the 1908 garment worker's strike in New York City.

In 1910, the Socialist International established a Women's Day to honor the movement for women's rights and to build support for voting rights throughout the world.

In 1911, International Women's Day was proclaimed in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland. On this day, women and men, alike, demanded that women get the

right to vote, right to work and vocational training to end job discrimination, the last of which is still a problem for today's woman.

Although there are numerous women in positions of power, International Women's Day serves to recognize that there are still many more women who are not in the same great situation. There are still far more instances where women are being abused, have less education and are not equally represented in politics or in business. Women need to use International Women's Day not only to remember the past, but also to forge ahead to bigger and better things.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

American Red Cross posts the top ten reasons to give blood:

10) You will get free juice and cookies; 9) You will weigh less - one pint less when you leave than when you came in; 8) It's easy and convenient - it only

takes about an hour and you can make the donation at a donor center, or at one of the many Red Cross mobile blood drives; 7) It's something you can spare - most people have blood to spare... yet, there is still not enough, to go around; 6) Nobody can ask you to do any heavy lifting as long as you have the bandage on. You can wear it for as long as you like. It's your badge of honor; 5) You will walk a little taller afterwards - you will feel good about yourself; 4) You will be helping to ensure that blood is there when you or someone close to you may need it. Most people don't think they'll ever need blood, but many do; 3) It's



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something you can do on equal footing with the rich and famous - blood is something money can't buy. Only something one person can give to another; 2) You will be someone's hero - you may give a newborn, a child, a mother or a father, a brother, or a sister another chance at life. In fact, you may help save up to three lives with just one donation; 1) It's the right thing to do.

Corrections



Jake McGee is "the guy" on the cheerleading squad. His name and picture were accidentally omitted last issue.

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Spring Break on 50 dollars

(i.e. my pathetic existence)

By Jessica Ring

Thanks to some sordid twist of fate, namely my bank hitting me with exorbitant fees for a five dollar overdraw, I found myself with \$50 to spend over the course of spring break. Not \$500, not even a solid Benjamin in my pocket -- \$50, half of which was spare change lying around my room.

Rachael Ray hosts a popular show on the Food Network called "40 Dollars-a-Day," where she purports that one can find great deals if one looks hard enough. Now, I do not know what sort of glutton spends \$40 a day on food, but it is \$230 more than what I had to spend for the entire week.

However, keeping in the same vein as Ms. Ray, food had to be contended with first.

First tip: Dine with your parents as often as possible. It's free. If they love you, the food

will probably be better than what you will be eating on your own.

To cover breakfast, lunch, dinner on the days they stop answering your phone calls, ramen noodles will save your life. I recommend Maruchan, because they come in myriad flavors and cost 10 measly cents per package at your local Wal-Mart. If you want to splurge, the Instant Cup Ramen will run you a shiny quarter per package. It may encompass more of your daily food needs, as noted by the tiny desiccated shrimp or slivers of carrot.

Twenty packages of Maruchan Ramen will run \$2.12, with sales tax. That leaves \$47.88 for an adventure-filled week.

However, to even get to the grocery store, I had to fill up my gas tank. I gritted my teeth angrily as the total for my economy car arrived somewhere around \$23.50.

We are now at \$24.48. I decided to splurge and see a movie, which cost \$8.50 at the Portage IMAX, the new cathedral-like theater rising up above Route 6 for all to worship.

The movie was okay. My wallet was not.

I now had \$15.88 to get through six more days.

My friends and I -we of equally dire financial straits- passed the time playing board games, browsing stores mindlessly, watching old movies at home, looking for anything to make the ramen noodles taste less like ramen noodles, and shelling out our precious monies for late-night coffee and candy. Candy is always a necessity.

The coffee and candy probably cost me \$6.50.

Around Friday, when no one could even stand to hear that insidious crinkle of those horrible Maruchan bags or play another round of Monopoly, we went to a Chinese buffet and gorged ourselves on food. Emaciated and wan, we stuffed ourselves to capacity. With only \$9.38 remaining, I actually had to borrow a dollar to cover the bill.

Saturday and Sunday were spent in a sodium-and-malnutrition-induced coma in front of the television, watching cartoons I did not understand.

There was a moral to this story, but quite frankly, when I try to think of it, all I can see are those wavy, wavy noodles.



Music Review

By Trilaina Sibo



Dir En Grey's InwardScream 2007 tour was a complete success at the House of Blues in Chicago this

Feb. The concert started at 6:30 p.m., but people had been lining up in the snow flurries since 6 a.m. to be among the first to see the bands. Starting bands Bleed the Dream and Fair to Midland got the show started with their rocking beats, but Dir en Grey was the true headliner.

Crowd energy was high, and several people passed out before the band even made it to the stage, due to the tight fit on the floor. Chanting for Dir en Grey started two hours before the doors opened, and spontaneous screaming and singing occurred all day. Though it was discouraged, one person attempted to crowd surf, while another ripped off his shirt to show the band his undying love. The crowd went

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Movie Review

By Jessica Ring

The Number 23 is a singular psychological thriller starring Jim Carrey in what is arguably his best, and strangest, role yet. The movie details the journey of one man into a sordid obsession that threatens almost all facets of his life. The main character, Walter, finds a book that appears to mirror his life, except for a murder that has yet to occur. Walter becomes obsessed with the book, which focuses around the protagonist, a detective named Fingerling, being haunted by

the number 23, and starts seeing the number in all places of his life. He becomes consumed with his paranoia, trying desperately to find the connection between the book and his own life. With some poorly explained plot devices, Carrey concludes that everything, even his own name, comes out to equal 23.

Carrey's roles are outstanding, both as Walter and as Fingerling. His incredible acting overshadowed what may have been potential issues with the movie, such as the level of condescension and the slightly clichéd role of Walter's son. In explaining the significance of "23," the dialogue began to insult the intelligence of the audience, even stopping to clarify items such as, "32 backward is 23," perhaps for those not paying attention closely enough.

Overall, *The Number 23* is an exemplary psychological thriller and a showcase of the versatility of Jim Carrey.



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Two Show Dates Scheduled for "Letters from Iwo Jima"



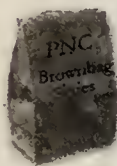
The film "Letters from Iwo Jima" will be shown on two dates.

The first date is Apr. 15 at

the Michigan City Public Library 100 E. 4th St. from 2-5 p.m. The second showing will take place on Apr. 18 at the La Porte High School's Schulze Hall at 602 F St.

The film is rated R and covers the story of Japanese soldiers who fought against American forces on the island of Iwo Jima.

Brownbag Series Continues



PNC will continue its Brown Bag Series in the coming months, with Purdue North

Central faculty, staff and community members leading programs that center on the topic of "diversity."

The seminars will vary in style and subject, but all will share the intent of presenting topics and issues that can contribute to the development of tolerant, inclusive campus and community cultural practices.

Some presenters will feature short film clips or interactive pieces that will stimulate conversation and discussion; others will present ideas for

open dialogue and sharing of views and experiences.

The seminars will be presented from noon to 1 p.m., usually in the PNC Library-Student-Faculty Building Room 144. They are free and open to the public. Varying opinions are welcome.

April 16 - Ten Tongues, featuring Cin Salach, a Chicago performance artist and gay and lesbian rights activist, will present a performance, poetry and workshop on the Plaza in front of the LSF Building. The performance is sponsored by the student organization OutLoud.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Mellin at 800-872-1231, ext. 5215. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact ext. 5215.

What's This Degree Worth, Anyway?

By Jessica Ring

A pressing question on the minds of all college students is, "What is the worth my degree?" Will the four years of arduous studying, class fees, and sleep deprivation be worthwhile in the long run?

According to a report released by the Census Bureau, it most certainly is. In 2004, college graduates with a bachelor's degree made an average of \$51,554. In comparison, those with high-school diplomas made \$28,645. Those who had obtained advanced degrees made an average of \$78,093.

Monetary statistics make a convincing argument, and the number of people seeking higher education reflects the urge to pursue a better life. In 2005, 80

percent of people had a high school diploma, and 28 percent had a bachelor's degree. In contrast, in 1970 only half of the population had high-school diplomas and 11 percent had a bachelor's degree.

Although enrollment in college is up, the dropout rate remains worrisome. An estimated two out of three college students will drop out of college at some point in their career. Reasons vary, but the majority find themselves thoroughly unprepared to handle the laborious expectations a higher education presents. While high schools are working on upgrading their curriculums with more college-oriented courses, preparing oneself for college currently appears to remain squarely on the shoulders of the student.

Disability Rights Addressed During Brown Bag Series



Jodi James addresses an audience during a Brown Bag series event on March 15 describing Washington march.

Brownbag Series: Jodi James, PNC's Disability Services Coordinator, addressed an audience on Mar. 15 about a journey to Washington D.C. last fall. James had joined a group ADAPT, a grassroots organization, that promoted handicap awareness.

The group fights for the rights of those with disabilities

and this particular visit to Washington D.C. pertained to passing the Medicaid Community Attendant Services and Support Act (MiCASSA).

James stated that she was impressed by the good turnout. After the program, James was flattered by comments from the audience that they had learned something valuable from attending the event.

Local Groups To Perform Haydn

The Camerata Vocal Ensemble and the LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra/Chorus, two of the outstanding professional music organizations in our area, will join together for a performance of Franz Joseph Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass.

This Haydn work will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Sat., Mar. 24, at Elston High School Theatre, 317 Detroit Street, Michigan City. As not-for-profit organizations, the Camerata Vocal Ensemble and the LaPorte County Symphony Orchestra/Chorus ask that a donation be made at the door.

For further information and details about the concert contact the LaPorte Symphony at 219-325-0666 or online at www.lcso.net or the Camerata Vocal ensemble at 219-929-5707 or online at www.cameratavocal.org.

Hyde Park Forum

Hyde Park Forum Speech Contest - April 18, 2007

For years at the Speaker's Corner in London's Hyde Park, all kinds of people have been free to set up soap boxes and speak their minds to pedestrians on any subject while responding to inquisitors and hecklers.

The Hyde Park Forum is an exciting annual speech contest held each spring on campus. The contest is open to all PNC

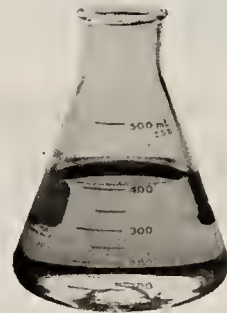
full- or part-time students. Here's what happens in each of the classrooms: each of 8-10 contestants gives a short persuasive speech and responds for two minutes to questions from the audience. Three or four judges determine first, second, and third place speakers.

All awards are presented at an Awards Ceremony immediately after all speeches are completed. All speakers will receive a Certificate of Achievement. All first place room winners compete in the "Speak Off!" a few days later.

Speak-Off! - Apr. 20, 2007

Each of the students who won awards in their individual rooms in the Hyde Park Forum are invited back to present their talks for a lunch-time crowd. Cash awards are given to the top three speakers, as determined by a panel of four judges.

The Speech Contest and Speak Off! are open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Dan Wilbur, TECH 272, Ext. 5472, or the Department of Communication Office, TECH, Ext. 5253.



Half empty.

Even though more women are attending college than ever before, women receive only **19%** of bachelor's degrees in physics, **26%** in computer science, and **18%** in engineering.

—Source: National Science Foundation (2003)

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Spring Poetry Festival Hosted By PNC English and Modern Languages Department

The PNC English and Modern Languages Department, along with the Michigan City Library, will present its annual Spring Poetry Festival on Mon., April 16 with a variety of activities on campus. The event is free and open to the public.

The Poetry Festival will feature a poetry competition, followed by noted performance by artist and poet Cin Salach.

Following tradition, area poets are invited to compete in a poetry contest that will begin at 11:00 am in the LSF Plaza.

All poems must be original and performed by the writer, unless approved otherwise before the event. Poems will be limited to three minutes in length. The first 25 registrants are guaranteed a spot; walk-on performers welcome, time permitting.

If the weather is uncooperative, the competition will be held in LSF 107A. The contest will be judged, with the top

three poets receiving a ten dollar Barnes and Noble gift card.

Events will move indoors to the Library-Student-Faculty Building Assembly Hall, Room 02 from 12:00-1:30 p.m. when Salach will perform a variety of her works and lead an interactive workshop with aspiring poets who want to develop their performance skills.

Salach, a poet of page and stage, performs and publishes her work widely. Her publication credits include "Rhino," "Columbia Poetry Review," "After Hours" and "ACM: Another Chicago Magazine" as well as the anthologies, "Poetry Speaks: Spoken Word Revolution" and "Power Lines."

She is included on the latest CD release from the Poetry Center of Chicago. Her CD and video work have also been aired on WBEZ, Image Union and Oprah. In 1996, Tia Chucha released her first book of poetry, "Looking for a Soft Place to

Land" and she is currently finishing her new manuscript "When I am Yes."

She has been honored as an Illinois Arts Council award recipient and is a three-time Ragdale Fellow. She is a segment host on the Emmy-award winning PBS show, "ArtBeat Chicago" and performs spoken word and percussion with her performance ensemble, "Ten Tongues." She teaches performance poetry at Columbia College and the University of Chicago and formerly was program director of Words@Play, an after-school collaborative poetry program with the Chicago Park District and Children's Humanities Festival.

To obtain further information, or to register, contact Bob Mellin, PNC continuing lecturer of English, at 219-785-5215 ext. 5215 or bmellin@pnc.edu. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should also contact Mellin.

2007 HYDE PARK FORUM SPEECH CONTEST ENTRY FORM CONTEST: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18. DEADLINE: NOON, FRIDAY, MARCH 23.

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Former HYDE PARK 1st Place Winner? Yes No

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Any audio video equipment needed? Yes No

What to Know about Iran

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Iran - Up Close And Personal

Despite the fact that Iran is a major exporter of crude oil, it has to import gas because it has a limited refining ability. This is definitely a radical idea to most Americans.

Another thing that most Americans do not know is that the CIA helped to overthrow the democratically elected government of Iran in 1953 and installed a dictator. This joint U.S.-British covert operation turned Prime Minister Mohammed Mossadegh into a political prisoner. Under the new leadership of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Iranians withstood decades of repression, torture and assassinations. Maybe, just maybe, this is why Americans are disliked by some Iranians.

Another startling fact is that just over half of the population of Iran, 58 percent speaks the official language, Farsi, as their primary language. Iran has

numerous different ethnic groups within the nation and sometimes these groups, like some Kurds, are rather resistive.

Iran's fundamentalist leaders have a well-earned reputation as repressors of women's rights, imposing strictures on how women dress and even a ban on women attending soccer matches. However, similar to statistics in the United States, more than half of the country's university students are women. Female literacy rates are relatively high as well: 73 percent, compared to 24 percent in Iraq, 47 percent in Egypt and 48 percent in India.

Although the United States population is getting increasingly older, two-thirds of Iran's population is under 30. And until just last month, 15 year olds in Iran were able to vote, which gave a level of power to adolescents that is unseen here in the United States. However this law was changed when President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was embarrassed by the last elections. The voting age is now 18.

This next fact may be the

most shocking of them all: the nation of Iran has the second largest Jewish population in the Middle East. At the beginning of his presidency Ahmadinejad donated money to Jewish hospitals throughout Tehran. However, when he made comments denying the Holocaust, Ahmadinejad became a hated figure.

Most of the Middle East is perceived by Americans to be backward and old-fashioned. However, Persians, who made up Iran's ancient population, were pioneers in math and architecture. The first windmills were built in Iran. Iran is also home to one of the oldest monotheistic religions, Zoroastrianism.

The possession of 30 grams or more of heroin in Iran is punishable by death. However, the country has one of the highest heroin addiction rates in the world. About two million in a population of 70 million use heroin or opium. This may astound, but it is true.

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Women Remain Underrepresented in State and National Government

By Lyndsie Daikhi

Since the month of March hosts International Women's Day, I thought that it would be interesting to see exactly how women are represented in the federal government. Currently there are 16 women who serve in the Senate which is 16 percent of the entire body. Eleven of these women are Democrats and the remaining five are Republicans. In the House of Representatives there are 71 women who hold a seat, or just over 16 percent of the full House. Fifty of these women are Democrats and 11 are Republicans.

Although this is one of the largest groups of women elected to Congress, there is still much progress to be made. Women make up about half of

the population in the United States but make up little more than a quarter of the representation. The United States is far behind many of its contemporaries, including, Britain. We, as Americans, have never had a woman as the leader of the country, but Great Britain has had the equivalent. Margaret Thatcher served as prime minister from 1979-1990.

Nancy Pelosi, the first female speaker of the House, represents a major milestone for women. However, this small step is not enough. We need to institute change so that there will be more opportunities for women to attain positions of power.

We should also be concerned that our state of Indiana is far behind in representation

on the state level, in comparison with other states. In total there are 28 females serving in the Indiana legislature which is roughly 18 percent. Although this is higher than the percent of women in the national legislatures, we also have much work to do. With the death of State Senator Anita Bowser, the need to find capable and willing women to compete in the political arena on the state level has increased drastically.

It is time for females to rise to the occasion and to throw off the chains of the patriarchal government that have ruled for much too long. We should not condemn Hillary Clinton for her ambition, we should applaud it, for it is what will further women. It is necessary so that the future generation of females have an idol to look to for inspiration.

PEW Research On Presidential Candidates

So Far, More Democrats than Republicans Thinking about Election...Stay Tuned

By Lyndsie Daikhi

The 2008 presidential campaign is already well underway with members of both parties announcing that they would like to run for office. And, while it is still early in the campaign, the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press recently completed a survey among 1,509 Americans asking them about it.

One of the most notable things that the researchers at Pew discovered was that more Democrats (31 percent) than Republicans (20 percent) were thinking about the 2008 election. Thirty-eight percent of liberal Democrats say that they have given the election a lot of thought, compared with just 24 percent of Republicans.

When asked who they would vote for, Democrats came up with four candidates: Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Al Gore and John Edwards. Republicans, on the other hand, came up with just two potential candidates who would attract great support, Rudy Giuliani and John McCain.

Among Independents, Obama and Giuliani have a greater appeal than Clinton or McCain.

Several important characteristics of a candidate may affect who votes for them and

why. Gender is a very important issue in considering whether to



vote for Clinton; 51 percent of men say

there is at least some chance that they would vote for her, whereas 61 percent of women say that there is at least some chance that they would vote for her.

Military experience is a trait that most voters like in a presidential candidate. This may sound like a good thing for McCain; however 48 percent of people say they would be less likely to support a candidate who is in his 70s.

Although both Clinton and Obama are viewed favorably among blacks, more blacks say there is a good chance that they would vote for Clinton than Obama (63 percent vs. 50 percent). Also, as they get older, more people say that there is a good chance they will vote for Clinton.

Republicans have much narrower margins showing a preference for a certain candidate. Only 36 percent would vote for Giuliani and just 23 percent would vote for McCain.

Some may say that this early research is an indication that the next president will most likely be a Democrat who is either a woman or who is black, however only time and votes will be able to elucidate the tale.

Longest Jailed Journalist: The Story of Josh Wolf

By April Hodge

A Sheep in Wolf's Clothing

Aug. 1, 2006, handcuffs were slapped onto the wrists of journalist Josh Wolf. He was taken to the Federal Detention Center in Dublin, Cal., just outside of San Francisco. His offense is refusing to turn in a video he had shot during a July 2005 anti-G8 demonstration wherein an officer was injured.

When Wolf was approached by the FBI and San Francisco Police Dept. (SFPD), he was asked to give them the video because there was an investigation into a possible arson attempt on a police vehicle.

Wolf stated that he first needed to talk to his lawyer about handing over the tape without a subpoena. Six months later, Wolf received that subpoena. He and his lawyer decided to file a motion to quash the subpoena which means that the person is relieved of the obligation to appear or produce documents. These motions failed and Wolf still refuses to hand over the video or provide written or spoken testimony as called for in the subpoena.

Wolf has not been charged with any crime, but is being

held on civil contempt charges until he relinquishes the video or provides testimony. His reasoning for refusing to turn over evidence? Principle. Wolf is an independent journalist. He has no ties to corporate news agencies. He wants to demonstrate that his journalism is unbiased and he will not disclose his sources to police who may use evidence to incriminate. He feels that no one will trust journalism if police have free access to information and the chance to taint that information.

Wolf is showcased in Frontline's "News War," available online free of charge, or can be purchased in DVD or VHS format.



Josh Wolf, independent journalist, attends a court hearing. Wolf was put in jail for civil contempt for refusing to turn over video to authorities.

2007 Writing and Art Contest Winners Announced

Professor Robert Mellin, Continuing Lecturer of English Composition, has announced the Writing and Art Contest winners for the 2006-07 academic year.

The winning entries will be published in the upcoming (online) issue of PNC's literary journal, *Portals*, and authors and artists will be honored at the annual banquet on Apr. 19.

"I want to congratulate the student writers and artists, and thank all those who judged the submissions," Mellin said, "especially those who judged more than one category."

The winners:
Category One: Personal Essay
"Deadly Days," by Vincent

Emanuele (1st)
"Take My Picture," by Lindsay Keller (2nd)
"Life Afterlife," by Jim Fox

Category Two: English Composition Research Essay
"Analyzing an Orthodontics Advertisement," by Sara Watterson (1st)
"Their Electronic Crying Pillow," by Rachel Maxin (2nd)

Category Three: Campus-Wide Research Essay
"The Forward Regression of Education," by Karen Rochelle Zimmerman (1st)
"Herland and Patriarchal Society," by Josephine M Long (2nd)
"The Golden Age of Thought," by Bradley Dimmit (3rd)

Category Four: Poetry
"A Pedestrian Theologian," by Danielle Weinhold (1st)
"Bicker," by Rachel Maxin (2nd)
"Unloved," by Kelly Daubek (3rd)
"Niche," by Kelly Daubek (3rd)
"Living with Me," by Karen Rochelle Zimmerman (3rd)

Category Five: Short Fiction

"Concrete Mary," by Margaret M Lisle (1st)
"Road Calm," by Danielle Weinhold (2nd)

Category Seven: The John J. Pappas Literary Essay Award
"The Boundaries of Beauty in Frankenstein," by Mike Monroe (1st)
"Ralph Waldo Emerson: Leading Transcendentalist," by Felicia Fisher (Honorable Mention)
"American Heritage vs. African

Culture: Searching for Identity in Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun* and Walker's *Everyday Use*," by Kelly Daubek (Honorable Mention)

Art Contest
"Friendly Species," by Danielle Weinhold (1st)
"Mahatma," by Katie Schultz (1st)
"Untitled," by Ashlee Schuler (Honorable Mention)
"Preservation," by Danielle Weinhold (Honorable Mention)

PNC Offers Students Ease of Express Enrollment

PNC is offering new, transfer and returning students the ease of Express Enrollment. An Express Enrollment Day will be offered on Thursday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Students may visit the PNC Westville campus or PNC - Porter County at 600 Vale Park Rd., Valparaiso.

Current and prospective students may stop in at any time that day. New students will have the opportunity to speak with an admission representative, complete a free application, meet with an academic advisor and register for classes. Current students or those who have been accepted for admission to Purdue North Central may also meet with an academic advisor and register for class. There will also be an opportunity to meet with a financial aid representative.

Students new to PNC are asked to bring their official high school or college transcripts. A \$30 credit evaluation fee for transfer students may apply.

Mixed Martial Arts Club

The MMA club meets on Wednesday at 70-08:30 p.m. in the LSF Aerobics Room. It is open to anyone interested in Mixed Martial Arts & open to all skill levels. Contact Mark Butts for more info: mbutts00@pnc.edu

Student Government Association

Meetings every Friday at 4:30 p.m. in LSF 204. Open to everyone.

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Baseball

'06-'07 Men's Baseball Program Looks to Build Upon Last Year's Successful Turnaround



From all appearances, this spring's baseball squad continues to flesh out the team Coach John Weber must have envisioned when he took over the program three years ago.

Things did not appear all that rosy back then when he was called upon to field his first team with only 16 eligible players. In spite of that however, he took them to a credible 18-23-1 season.

Last year, though, the future began to brighten. Under Coach Weber's dedicated recruiting efforts and a hard-nosed attitude toward academic compliance, a remarkably adept squad set a PNC single-season wins record of 32-20, and went on to win the Chicagoland Athletic Conference Tournament and qualify for the NAIA National tourney.

As for this year's team, Weber sees a solid group of experienced veterans, with several newcomers also making noteworthy contributions. But the coach's outlook is not without a cloud or two:

"I believe our biggest question mark going into the season is pitching," Weber said.

Pitching

The team lost three pitchers from last season to graduation, Joe Reid, who set the school record for successful innings pitched, Tony Robb and John Vucko.

The remaining battery of seniors Lance Losinski and Shawn Kuhns, juniors Jon Charlson and Tom Albano, and sophomores Ryan Curless and Andrew Dahman, will be looking to a large group of transfers and incoming freshmen for help.

The new group of hurlers includes: Senior transfers Josh Earegood (Muskegon Community College) and John Lackinger (Elmhurst College), junior transfers Scott Marks (LeMoyné Owen College) and Brian Phillips (Bethel College), and freshmen Matt Morris (Kouts H.S., Kouts, IN), Craig Burden (Harrison HS/Lafayette, IN), Keven Scott (Chesterton HS, Chesterton, IN) and Jesse Categena.

"If we pitch to our potential, we'll be all right, but we have a lot of unknowns and opportunities right now for the entire staff," Weber said.

While the pitching may be a work in progress, Weber sees things a little brighter in the outfield.

Outfield

"Our outfield should be very sound defensively. We have excellent speed and basically two centerfielders in Pierce and Dickerson to patrol the area."

Dave Dickerson, a returning sophomore, played all 52 games in center field last season, and will move to right field this year. Last season he hit .279 with three homeruns and 25 RBIs. The young outfielder also added seven doubles, two triples and 10 stolen bases to his numbers.

Taking over in centerfield will be junior-college transfer Jake Pierce (Vincennes CC, Vincennes, IN). Last year at Vincennes he hit .315 with eight doubles.

The leftfield spot will be a combination of several players competing for the job. Sophomore John Selman has the inside track coming off a strong freshman season. However, Selman's value to the team as a utility player means he might be playing several different spots for PNC. Last season the right hander hit .310 with 10 doubles, one triple, 25 RBI and 20 stolen bases. He also played every position but pitcher, catcher and shortstop for the Panthers.

Newcomers Nestor Allende and Mike Zolper will also contend for playing time in leftfield. Allende, a native of Puerto Rico, transferred in at break from Tampa University.

Zolper, from Hebron, IN, started out at Urbanna University in Ohio but was looking to get closer to home. He saw limited action while there and received a medical hardship following a knee injury. According to Weber, Zolper is a lot like Selman and brings added value to the team as a utility player.

Infield

Weber points to the infield as being the strength of the 06-'07 PNC roster. "We look strong up and down the line-up with a good mix both offensively and defensively," he stated.

At first base senior Steve Georgion will bring his big left-handed stick and solid defensive skills to the position. Georgion batted .421 with nine doubles, four triples and two homeruns while driving in 33 runs despite missing 16 games with a broken hand.

Senior Chad Pierce will man second base. Pierce hit .413 with seven doubles, four triples, and 29 RBIs in 160 at bats last season in 48 games.

Senior Steve Hudson should hold down the job at shortstop. Hudson batted .245 last season, but did a solid job defensively. Hudson added 17 walks and 21 RBIs while stealing 14 bases.

Freshman Nick Ullman (Crown Point HS/Crown Point, IN) will play all positions in the

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Softball

PNC Lady Panthers Open Season with 5-5 Showing in Tucson Invitational Games

Early season tournaments can be a shakedown cruise for a new squad, as the PNC lady's softball crew found out over spring break at the Tucson Invitational Games, March 3-8. According to Assistant Coach Denny King, the 10-game event started out strong, and then got shaky before ending back on solid ground.

On Saturday, March 3, the team took their first game into extra innings to defeat Hope University 8-5. Hope led early, scoring a run in the second and the third. PNC then came back to take the lead 3-2 in the third. Over the next two innings the teams battled out a tie score of 5-5. Purdue then closed the door in the eighth inning when Alyssa Duncan, Jenn Cassell, and Valorie Minyard scored runs. Bethany Toyias struck out the final two batters for Hope to end the game 8-5.

In game two, after a strong



and two in the second. The Panthers attempted a comeback in the third with Alyssa Duncan bringing in pinch runner Alyssa Whittaker and Ashley Watson scored on a wild pitch. However, the Jamestown offense proved too strong for the Panthers as they scored six more runs to end the game 9-2.

Next came Dakota State, which downed the Panthers in an extra-innings heartbreaker in a game that was scoreless until the eighth inning when the Trojan's Klingenberg hit a double to bring in the go-ahead run. An error by catcher Jenn Cassell



start, the Panthers lost to the College of Mary 12-4. The team came out strong with runs scored by Jessica Brannagan, Erin Foust, and Alyssa Duncan, but then things turned cold. The tough College of Mary team came back scoring six runs in the third and six in the fifth innings. The team tried to mount a comeback in the fifth when Alyssa Duncan scored the fourth run for the Panthers, but the strong defense of the College of Mary was too much to overcome.

Triple-Header Day

Sunday was triple-header day, and the Lady Panthers dropped game one to Jamestown College 9-2. Jamestown came out strong scoring three runs in the first

allowed the second run for Dakota State to score and the Trojan's Kirschenman batted their third and final run in to take the lead 3-0 in the eighth. Attempting a comeback, the Panthers could only score one run by Erin Foust in the eighth. The game ended on a routine 6-3 play to tag Jessica Brannagan for the third out.

Following the loss, Head Coach Jeff Boardman said that the Panthers had shown sound pitching, and, if they can work out a few small things, games like this will go the Panther's way.

After a tough defeat to Dakota State, the Lady Panthers regrouped and refocused. Determined not to lose three games in a row, PNC took charge, defeating La Roche

College 9-2. The offensive barrage began when Alyssa Duncan batted in Erin Foust in the first inning to put the Panthers in the lead 1-0. Melissa Carson doubled the score in the second with a solo home run. Offensively, Alyssa Duncan had three RBIs while Ashley Watson, Jenn Cassell, Valorie Minyard, and Erin Weber had one each respectively.

Defensively, PNC pitcher, Bethany Toyias pitched a complete game and was backed up by great plays from the rest of the team. The defensive play of the game was the 2-3-4-3-4 pickle which involved catcher Val Minyard, first baseman Jenn Cassell, and second baseman Tracy Markwell for the third out in the fourth inning.

Tuesday, March 6, saw a rematch with the Jimmies of

Jamestown College. The Panthers did much better this time around with a solid defense. Jamestown came in committing three errors which kept the game close. Alyssa Duncan continued her hitting streak, scoring the only run by the Panthers. Despite their best efforts PNC lost the game 3-1.

The Panthers faced a red hot Peru State in the afternoon game. Coming off the loss to the Jamestown Jimmies, they wanted to make a statement. Unfortunately, so did Peru. Peru had 13 hits to PNC's five. Of the five hits by PNC, three runs were scored. Erin Foust, Valorie Minyard, and Kate Golden all hit runs in, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Peru's lead. The game ended in

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NCAA March Madness

By Sean Fitman

It's called March Madness for a reason...the one time of year where all eyes are glued upon college basketball on its grandest stage. Sixty-five down to just one, one men's team, one women's look to be crowned as royalty. We the fans look on with great admiration, excitement, and eagerness to find out just who will be deemed "the best team in the nation." But why do we feel this way, what makes these games different from any other games played in any other sport?

"These athletes show unbelievable pride, heart, and determination because they know that any game they walk into could be the last of the season,"

said sophomore education major Wade Breitzke. "During this time, the players know in their hearts in order to get it all they must and will give it all."

So, fellow students, as you sit in those classes in the computer labs, working on your bracket, or actually watching a game on the NCAA site, as the professors drone on...in the name of Dick Vitale, put your heart in, give it your all.



PNC Women Split Home Opener With Taylor



In game one of the Lady Panther's home opener, a double-header against Taylor University, Jennifer Cassell hit in pinch runner Katie Ebach to take the lead, 1-0 in the first inning. PNC then proceeded to bat around in the second inning scoring six runs.

Taylor attempted to rally in the fifth, scoring two runs, but the PNC defense was too much to overcome.

The winning pitcher was Bethany Toyias, with the save going to Kate Golden. Offensively, the team was lead by Valorie Minyard with three hits and two RBIs, and Jennifer Cassell with two hits and three RBIs. PNC's record improves to 6-5 on the season.

Game two saw a tougher

Taylor team. Taylor came out scoring one run in the first inning and getting out the first three batters for PNC.

Taylor helped tie the ballgame in the third when pitcher Tomaszewski walked Alyssa Duncan with bases loaded. But, Taylor quickly regained the lead in the fourth, scoring two runs.

PNC's Heather Weaver cut the lead to one when she hit in pinch runner Katie Ebach in the sixth. Taylor responded in the seventh with three runs to increase the lead 6-2.

The Panthers rallied to cut the lead to one 6-5, but the tough Taylor defense held PNC to take the win.

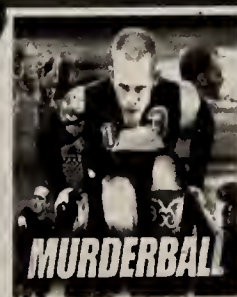
Alyssa Whittaker took the loss for the Panthers. The Panthers record falls to 6-6 on the season.

Purdue University North Central Softball hit the road Saturday, March 17, at Franklin College at noon and Sunday, March 18, at Marion College, at noon.

Disability Awareness Month

Movie Marathon

Please invite your classes!



Thursday, March 22, 2007
5:00 p.m., LSF 002

Featuring fierce rivalry, stop-watch suspense, and larger-than-life personalities, MURDERBALL, nominated for Best Documentary Feature at the 78th Academy Awards, is a film about tough, highly competitive rugby players. Quadruple-gig rugby players.

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truly crazy over the water bottles and guitar picks that were thrown to them at the end of the concert.

Lead singer Kyo stole the show with his dramatic flair and his use of a box to be seen by the crowd. The band mostly went for shock value with their props and the visuals they presented during their songs. Impressive lighting gave a surreal feeling to Kyo's screaming, and Shinya's drum set would make any drummer jealous.

They played songs such as Kudou and Jesus Christ Rock'N'Roll, which are available on the CD they sold at the show, Withering to Death. Sadly, the band came back for only a single encore.

BASEBALL from p.6

infield and will contend for the designated hitter role for the Panthers with a strong left handed stick.

Other infielders expected to contend for time include sophomore Chris Capello (Mt. Carmel HS/Whiting, IN) and freshmen Mark Myszkowski, Matt Piggott and Jay McCauley.

Capello batted .375 in just eight at bats in 2006 but showed a reliable glove. Myszkowski could play all over the field this year as a role player for the Panthers and adds depth and speed to the roster. Piggott and McCauley are both developing left handed hitters that man the corners. McCauley is returning from a broken shoulder that forced him to miss the entire season last year.

Catchers

Behind the plate the Panthers will look to junior catcher Chris Stocker to lead the way after being named Honorable Mention All-American in 2006. Stocker hit .326 with four home runs, 29 RBI and 12 doubles. He also was a defensive presence, shutting down the opponents' running game and committing only four errors.

Stocker will be joined by two freshmen this season in Adam Kennedy and Steve Babbitt. Kennedy (Crown Point HS/Crown Point, IN) has a solid all-around game and could also fight for time as the designated hitter. Babbitt (North Newton HS/Demotte, IN) has made huge strides defensively and swings a solid bat.

Schedule

The Panthers have put together an extremely difficult schedule early on to prepare for conference play. 16 of their first 19 games will be against teams that either qualified for the NAIA National Tournament or their conference tournament last season.

And the other three games will be against Christian Brothers University, a NCAA, Division II member of the difficult Gulf Coast Conference. Christian Brothers will also have a significant advantage having been outside with 10 games under their belts when PNC comes into town (Memphis, TN).

"We're in this for the long haul," said Weber. "It's true we don't have the facilities or the weather like other schools, but we believe our schedule will pay off in the long run. Besides it's how you finish, not how you start."

IRAN from p.5

Although satellite dishes are illegal in Iran they are also very popular. There have also been several unauthorized television and radio stations sending signals into Iran, including some from Los Angeles.

the fifth inning with the eight-run rule in effect for the tournament. The Panthers lost 11-3.

After two losses to start the day the lady Panthers were determined to rebound and take evening game. Their sights were set on the University of St. Mary. PNC came out on fire with Alyssa Duncan getting back to her winning ways hitting in lead-off Erin Foust in the first inning. After a three-up-three-down bottom of the first, the Panthers went on a tear in the second, batting around on the shocked St. Mary team. Six runs were scored in the second by the Panthers, two in the third and one in the fourth, giving Panthers a 10-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth. A powerful defense lead by Bethany Toyias allowed St. Mary only three hits.

Coach Denny King stated: "The team really got behind each other and backed each other up and that really made the difference. We were firing on all cylinders."

Wednesday Sweep

PNC continued their winning ways on Wednesday, beating Concordia University 8-3. The game started quiet with a 0-0 score clear into the fifth inning, until the top of PNC's order came up to bat. Erin Foust led off with single to short which was followed by a single to the left side by Alyssa Duncan which scored Foust. Kate Golden hit her first college

career home run bringing in Jennifer Cassell and Alyssa Duncan. The PNC team proceeded to bat around on the stunned Concordia team. Concordia scored two runs in the bottom of the fifth to keep the game going. But a strong defense and a tough offense was too much to overcome.

Many thought game two of the double-header would be another win for Peru. Everyone except PNC.

"We didn't play like we are capable of," said Sophomore Captain Jessica Brannagan about their earlier meeting. "We are red hot right now and we are going to take it to Peru."

And take it to them they did. The Panthers batted around on Peru in the first giving up two runs, until Melissa Carson came to bat. With bases loaded, Carson unloaded earning her first college career grand slam putting the Panthers in the lead 6-1 in the bottom of the first. Heather Weaver lead the way with three hits, Alyssa Duncan, Melissa Carson and Jenn Cassell had two hits and Erin Foust, Jessica Brannagan and Valerie Minyard with one.

The Lady Panthers came out of the Tucson Games with a 5-5 split Alyssa Duncan and Eris Faust leading what could develop into an offensive juggernaut. To close the tourney, Duncan was pounding out hits at a .432 average, followed by Faust who was hitting .395.

PNC Offers Students Ease of Express Enrollment

Purdue University North Central is offering new, transfer and returning students the ease of Express Enrollment.

An Express Enrollment Day will be offered on Thursday, April 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Students may visit the PNC Westville campus or PNC Porter County at 600 Vale Park Road, Valparaiso.

Current and prospective students may stop in at any time that day. New students will have the opportunity to speak with an admission representative, complete a free application, meet with an academic advisor and register for classes.

Current students or those who have been accepted for admission to Purdue North Central may also meet with an academic advisor and register for class.

There will also be an opportunity to meet with a financial aid representative.

Students new to PNC are asked to bring their official high school or college transcripts. A \$30 credit evaluation fee for transfer students may apply.

The four-week summer session begins May 7; the eight-week summer session begins June 4. Fall semester classes begin the week of Aug. 20. The summer and fall semester class schedules are online at www.pnc.edu.

Information about the University, degrees offered, financial aid, student services, activities and athletics are all available on the PNC Web site. Questions may be answered via instant messaging at IM_pncadmissions4.

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"VEGETARIAN'S DELIGHT" By Dan West — Edited By Timothy E. Parker

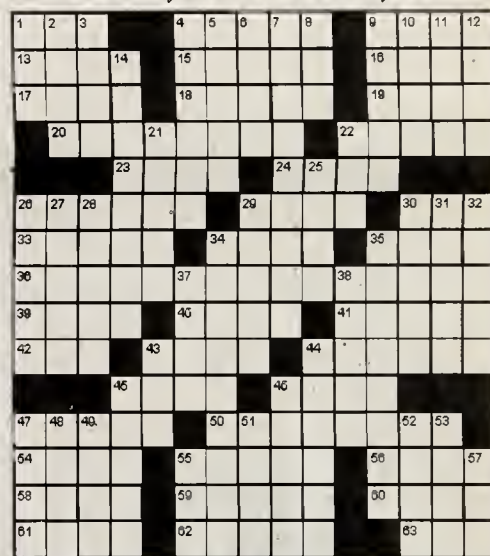
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SGA Looking for The Leader

The PNC Student Government is looking for a consummate student leader, the one person who stands out above the rest. Said leader will be honored at the PNC Annual Awards Ceremony being held on April 20.

Any student, staff member or faculty member can make a nomination, using the following criteria:

1. Candidate must be involved in at least two clubs, organizations, committees, or sports teams at PNC
 2. Candidate must have attended a minimum of two semesters at PNC
 3. Application must include a letter of recommendation from an administrator, faculty member, or a student
 4. Candidate must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Applications can be picked-up in the Dean of Students' office. Deadline for submissions is March 29.

For further information, contact LouAnn Ramsey at lramse00@pnc.edu.

The Voice Needs You!



The PNC student newspaper is seeking people for the following paid positions to be filled for the 2007-2008 academic year:

editor
writer
photojournalist
ad manager
web developer

Please e-mail thevoice@pnc.edu for further details. The informational meeting, interviewing process, and hiring will be completed by the end of the current school year. All those interested are encouraged to apply.

Student Government Association

Candidate Forum

April 2nd from 1 to 2 p.m.

Library-Faculty-Senate Building

Room 144 (near cafeteria)

All candidates that have applied for a student government position will be present to speak about their role in the SGA, if elected. To make an informed vote, please attend the forum to hear the future student representative body.

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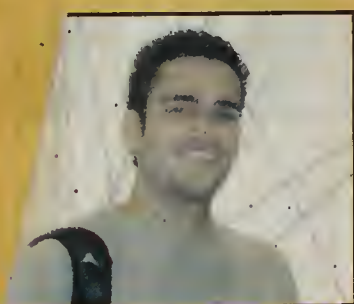
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or call 1-800-872-1231, ext. 5593.

2006-7 Panther Baseball

Meet the Team!

"The infield should be the strength of our team as we look strong up and down the line-up with a good mix both offensively and defensively."

~ Coach John Weber



Steve Hudson
5'10" 175 lbs.
Senior Infielder



Chad Pierce
5'9" 175 lbs.
Senior Infielder



Shawn Kuhns
6'3" 200 lbs.
Senior Pitcher



Tony Popov
5'11" 185 lbs.
Senior Infielder



John Lackinger
6'9" 270 lbs.
Senior Pitcher



Lance Losinski
6'1" 200 lbs.
Senior Pitcher



Josh Earegood
6'3" 225 lbs.
Senior Pitcher



Steve Georgian
6'2" 220 lbs.
Senior First Base



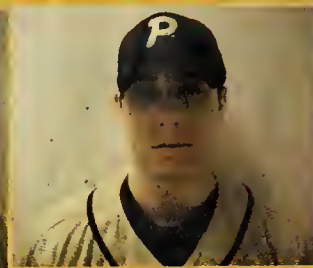
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6'3" 200 lbs.
Junior Outfielder



Tom Albano
5'9" 150 lbs.
Junior Pitcher



Jon Charlson
6'2" 205 lbs.
Junior Pitcher



Chris Cappello
5'11" 170 lbs.
Sophomore Infielder



John Selman
6'1" 170 lbs.
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Ryan Curless
6'0" 170 lbs.
Junior Pitcher



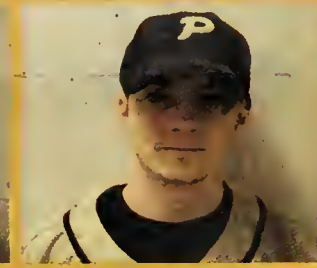
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6'2" 225 lbs.
Junior Catcher



Dan McCauley
6'6" 215 lbs.
Sophomore Pitcher



Dave Dickerson
5'9" 185 lbs.
Sophomore Outfielder



Andrew Dahman
5'9" 150 lbs.
Sophomore Pitcher



Jake Pierce
5'8" 170 lbs.
Junior Outfielder



Scott Marks
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Junior Pitcher/U



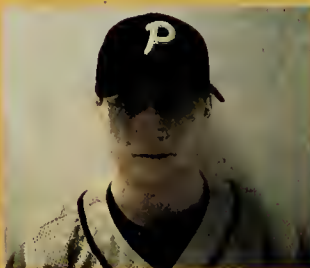
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Junior Pitcher



Jay McCauley
6'4" 250 lbs.
Freshman First Base



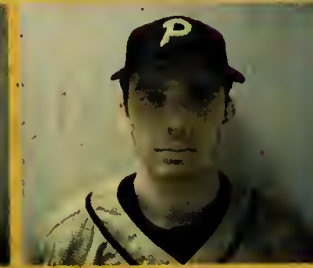
Craig Burden
6'3" 245 lbs.
Freshman Pitcher



Mike Zopler
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Freshman U



Kevin Scott
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Freshman Pitcher



Matt Morris
6'3" 175 lbs.
Freshman Pitcher



Nick Ullman
5'10" 160 lbs.
Freshman Infielder



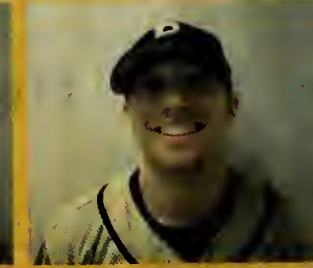
Jesse Cartagena
6'4" 185 lbs.
Freshman Pitcher



Mark Myszkowski
5'9" 155 lbs.
Freshman Infielder



Steve Babbitt
5'10" 160 lbs.
Freshman Catcher



Adam Kennedy
5'10" 185 lbs.
Freshman Catcher



Matt Piggott
5'11" 190 lbs.
Freshman Infielder



Jenn Cassel
Senior First Base



Katie Ebach
Senior Offense

2006-7 Panther Softball

The Ladies Take the Field



Tracy Markwell
Sophomore Pitcher



Jessica Brannagan
Sophomore Shortstop/Offense



Alissa Whitaker
Sophomore Pitcher



Melissa Carson
Junior First/Third Base



Bethany Toyias
Junior Pitcher



Stephanie Zaharias
Sophomore Offense



Betsy Maher
Sophomore Third Base



Ashley Watson
Sophomore Catcher/Offense



Heather Weaver
Junior Second Base



Valorie Minyard
Junior Catcher

Coaches



Jeff Boardman
Head Coach



Greg Kunz
Head Coach



Daisy Lee
Junior Offense



Kristina Falcon
Freshman Offense



Erin Weber
Freshman Pitcher/Catcher



Jim Brocksmith
Coach



Denny King
Coach



Kate Golden
Freshman Pitcher



Alyssa Duncan
Freshman Offense



Erin Foust
Freshman Shortstop/Offense



The Voice

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New Site!

PNC BITS

Building Construction Students Put Just Another Brick in the Wall

PNC Students in Professor Edward Sawa's building construction class put theory to the test last month by participating in the construction of an exterior masonry cavity wall.

The hands-on project, which called for the building of a masonry job mock-up sample panel, measuring approximately three by four feet, took place at the Technology Engineering Building on the PNC Westville campus.

According to Sawa, he thought the class project would be beneficial to the students of his class in BCM 25

"I commend the students for their participation and interest with this project." - Ed Sawa

The students who participated in the construction process were Joshua Appel, Nicholas Ayres, Matthew Beach, Ryan Drinski, Gerald Funk, Miles Hiteman, Keith Hoffman, Carl Hultman, Trevor Karlowsky, Michael Marshall, Nathan Mc Ginley, Nicholas Palmer, Jacob Parker, Brittany Poisel, Tyler Sutton, and Brian Winter.

In organizing the off campus project, Sawa sought out Hal Kemmerer of Rose Brick & Materials, Inc., South Bend, In. Kemmerer, a journeyman



The masonry job mock-up sample panel along with entire team. Left to right, Hal Kemmerer, Trevor Karlowsky, Nick Ayres, Miles Hiteman, Jacob Parker, Nate Mc Ginley, Brittany Poisel, Matt Beach, Nick Palmer, Tyler Sutton, Carl Hultman, Michael Marshall, Gerald Funk, Josh Appel, Keith Hoffman, Brian Winter, Ryan Drinski, and Edward Sawa.

Construction Principles, Materials & Methods, as they would be able to observe how materials actually react and perform on-site, while also taking part in the construction process.

A mock-up sample panel replicates the actual sample panels constructed at a project site by the masonry contractor prior to the start-up of masonry operations.

The proper detailing practices by the architect/engineer and quality of masonry contractor's workmanship are essential to the long term performance of masonry construction. The sample panel allows the architect/engineer to observe the construction quality and verify compliance to the contract documents.

mason who has been directly involved in the masonry industry for more than 20 years, pledged his company's support to the program and helped in developing the demonstration.

Students were able to hand mix Type N mortar, retemper, apply mortar to the concrete and clay (modular) masonry units prior to laying in place, and tool the mortar joints. Mortar adjacent to the cavity space was backbeveled to the clay masonry units as well as backparged to reduce the amount of mortar droppings within the cavity space. The concrete masonry back-p wythe was then vertically reinforced and grouted.

Masonry accessories used in construction of the masonry

wall panel consisted of hook-eye pintle pin horizontal joint reinforcement, extruded cavity wall insulation, sealant, adhesive, caging devices, expansion and control joints, vertical steel reinforcement, stainless steel drip edge flashing, flexible through wall flashing, cell vents, and mortar net were used in the construction of the masonry wall panel. Students are then required to submit a lab report on the entire process.

Professor Sawa, graduated from Purdue University Calumet in 1979 where he received his associate's degree in architectural technology and a bachelor's of science degree in construction technology. He is a Leadership, Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Accredited Professional, and currently holds the position of construction administrator with Fanning Howey, a nationally



Trevor Karlowsky in foreground and Matt Beach in background, install base of wall through wall flashing on a sloping bed of mortar after laying the concrete masonry unit starter course and installing caging devices and control joint.

recognized architectural engineering firm with a regional office in Michigan City.

"I commend the students for their participation and interest with this project," Sawa said, "and I extend my appreci-

ation to the technology engineering section, Roger Veatch, electronics lab technician, and Rose Brick & Materials for their effort to increase the PNC students' knowledge of masonry construction.

Student Newspaper Launches New Site
Your student newspaper has launched a new website that is easy to navigate and allows our readers to post comments and use message boards.
www.thepncvoice.com

Hyde Park Forum Speaking Contest
Times and locations will be posted in LSF Assembly Hall room 02 across from the bookstore and in the southeast entrance of Schwarz Hall. Various subjects will be presented in student speeches. The winners will go on to compete in SpeakOff! on Apr. 20 at noon.

Campus Awards Ceremony
The annual PNC awards ceremony will be held on Apr. 20 at 6 p.m. in LSF 144. This ceremony commends students, clubs, organizations, part-time and full-time faculty who have made a valuable contribution to campus.

Coffee with the Chancellor
The next chance to sit back and enjoy some coffee and conversation with Chancellor Dworkin is Apr. 23 from 2 - 3 p.m. at the Cyber Cafe in LSF.

End of Spring Semester Approaches
The end of Spring 2007 semester quickly approaches. The official end date is Fri. Apr. 27. Sounds like a great reason to celebrate - but not too hard. Remember, finals are the week after.

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Left to right, Josh Appel, Nate Mc Ginley, and Nicholas Ayres place masonry grout within vertically reinforced core of concrete masonry unit wythe on each side of the masonry control joint.

New 2007-8 Student Government Body Elected

The new Student Government Body for the 2007-8 academic year has been announced.

There were 10 spots available and 11 students applied for the positions. Voting took place through the Portals website.

The winning candidates are Tom Albano, Brittany Boardman, Jon Charlson, Adam Dobrzeniecki, Jonathan Sichterman, Carl Stambaugh, Aleah Turner, Austre Medina, Lyndsie Daikhi, Mark Myszkowski, and Jesse Cartagena is listed as an alternate candidate.

PNC Players Theater Group



The PNC Players theater group is presenting Ben Jonson's play *Every Man In His Humor* on Apr. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Apr. 23 at 2:30 p.m. at the Mainstreet Theatre in Michigan City, Ind. Tickets are \$10 for general public admission, \$5 for PNC students with valid ID, and \$6 for senior citizens and all other students.

The director is Dr. Paul Hecht, assistant professor of English. Hecht will present a pre-show talk in the Mainstreet Theatre upper lobby at 7 p.m. Fri. and Sat. to give ticket holders an overview of the play and to discuss Jonson and his writing in relation to Shakespeare.

Editorial

Myspace.com is eating up my life.

Right now, instead of writing my editorial that was inevitably due yesterday, I am logged on to Myspace.com. After every sentence is complete, I will invariably return to the website and check for new messages. Though it tells me I do, in fact, have 194 friends, there is certainly no reason for me to re-check the website every five minutes. I may have a handful of compatriots with whom I occasionally converse, but certainly nothing to the extent that requires me to log-in more than once a day. Or twice a day. Or multiple times a day. Like thirty.

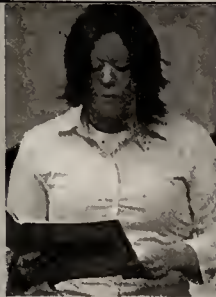
I work midnights. I get home at five in the morning, and my first class is five hours later. Ready time configured, that leaves me about three hours to sleep. However, instead of laying down immediately and sucking up the precious few moments of sleep that I can muster, I find myself wandering to the comforting glow of the home computer, ever on, just to see if I have any new

messages (or so I tell myself).

Hours later, when I finally look up at the clock, I realize that it is time to go to school. I drench my hardened contact lenses, eyes bloodshot and barely open, with saline solution and stumble on to school.

During my three-hour break, though I had just checked my Myspace.com account less than two hours ago, I immediately rush over to log on. I am not alone, however. Trilaina, our lovely invoice and copy editor, rushes to an adjacent computer to do the same.

Before Myspace.com, I used to be an avid reader. I once finished the Complete Works of Shakespeare over summer break. I designed and made my own clothes. I walked my dog. I remembered that I had a dog. I could leave the house without a momentary anxiety attack regarding whether or not there are unanswered comments or messages lying in wait for me on the virtual background that is



Myspace.com.

I probably need an intervention. Millions of high school and college students desperately need Myspace.com to be unplugged and shut down. There would be rioting at first, undoubtedly, but eventually the streets would be again filled with human life under thirty. Homework would be done in a less hastily fashion, words running off of the page because young eyes were glued to the screen, not even glancing down once to ascertain that the pen was no longer on the page.

I need help.

How to Beat Your MySpace Addiction

Do you find yourself checking MySpace several dozen times a day? Do you neglect the other important things in life? How many bulletins did you post in the last hour? Is MySpace open in another window right now? If so, then you may have a problem. Here's how to wean yourself off of MySpace so that you can resume living offline.

Steps

1. Admit you have a problem. This may be hard, but accepting that MySpace has taken over your life is an important step into overcoming your addiction. If you simply can't resist the urge to check your home page, then it's clear that MySpace is controlling you and not the other way around.
2. Stop communicating with people through MySpace and correspond with only those you know, as fellow addicts only contribute to your problem. If you don't want to cut them off completely, consider just taking the friendships that you value off of MySpace. Get their phone numbers, email addresses, AIM screen names, ICQ numbers, or any other information that may be a way of contacting them outside of MySpace. (See Tips.)
3. Print out your page. You've probably personalized it and tweaked it to reflect your personality. In a way, it's a work of art that you created. You don't want it to be lost forever, so save a copy in print. Having a hard copy will make it easier to let go of your profile online.
4. Start deleting all of the images, comment boxes, background settings, songs, videos, and anything else you put on the page that didn't come with it. Make it into a plain MySpace profile, like it was when you started it. End all blog subscriptions that you have signed up for. Turn off all email notifications.
5. Post several bulletins announcing that you will be no longer available on MySpace.
6. Delete your main pictures, blog, comments, friends, etc. If your profile is set to private, set it back to normal. Reset the information about yourself.
7. Change the headline to "No

Longer Available" or some other indicator that you no longer use MySpace.

8. Stop using MySpace. Get an e-mail filter and set it to block MySpace, Facebook, or any other similar sites.

9. Find other creative activities to do. Try to find activities that both amuse you in the short-term and benefit you in the long-term. MySpace only provides a short-term pleasure (usually).

10. Very importantly, keep in contact with your friends through phone, e-mail, or messenger! Not talking to them may make you want to return to MySpace.

11. After waiting a good month and re-establishing your life, go back and delete your MySpace. It shouldn't, at this point, rip your heart out to do so.

12. Never go back to Myspace, as it will possibly trigger a relapse into the addiction again.

Tips

1. People who hardly know you may not want to give you personal information and may feel uncomfortable interacting with you outside of MySpace.
2. Find other activities to do with your time. Learn to program, write a book, etc.
3. If MySpace is your homepage, change it to a personalized Google homepage.
4. If your real-life friends and family members use MySpace, inform them that you're trying to stay away from it, and ask that they don't sign on when you're around.
5. It may be really hard to keep in touch with some people, especially if they are MySpace addicts. If you want to talk to them outside of MySpace, but they don't sign onto AIM or you feel awkward calling them, you may want to try weaning them off MySpace as well. Remember, real friends don't let friends be MySpace addicts.
6. If you're like most people, MySpace will lose its appeal after a few weeks of steady or perhaps heavy use. Eventually the grandness will fade away and you will get sick of playing the waiting game for your friends to respond to your oversimplistic comments or mes-

sages. If you're like me, nothing beats simply picking up the phone and calling your friends to see how they're doing. Eventually, not only will you have no interests in signing on to MySpace, you will have no need to.

7. Change your password by closing your eyes and randomly typing. This may require you to copy and paste to confirm your new password. Just be diligent in not peeking or writing this down.

8. Think about all the time you wasted on MySpace and how it could have been spent wisely elsewhere.

9. One alternative method is to use a less addictive social networking site, such as xanga or livejournal, and posting there, but not actively seeking out friends.

Warnings

1. MySpace addictions are serious matters and should not be taken lightly. If you or someone you know is addicted to MySpace (symptoms listed above), please help them immediately!
2. MySpace is now a site frequented by predators of a variety of types. It is strongly suggested that anyone associated with the site, either actively or not, to do everything possible to protect themselves from the constant trolling of those who would seek to take advantage of the site's weaknesses and faults (keep in mind, there are predators everywhere, the ones on MySpace are just brought to everyone's attention by the media because it's such a high profile site).
3. If you still think you don't have a problem, yet you find yourself reposting this page or this link in a Myspace bulletin, blog, or in your profile itself... THINK AGAIN! You are most definitely a Myspace addict.
4. One last thing... logging onto MySpace just to read DJ Ria's Obvious Statement of the Day is still forbidden. Kindly request one of your friends email it to you through your other Email services.

Information taken from
www.wikihow.com/Defeat-a-MySpace-Addiction

The Good, the Google, and the Giving

By April Hodge

Everyone knows about the worldwide search engine Google.com. It's even used as a verb. When someone asks me a question that I don't know the answer to (a rarity), I tell them to "Google it." Recently, however, I was informed about another search engine powered by Yahoo! search. It's called GoodSearch.com and 50 percent of the revenue it generates is donated to a charity of your choice every time you use the search engine.

It's effortless to download to your address bar or simply enter www.goodsearch.com and you're there.

GoodSearch.com was started by Ken and J.J. Ramberg, the founders of MonsterTRAK, a college recruiting website to Monster.com. They knew that search engines generated more than \$6 million last year and thought that if just a fraction of

that was donated, charities would have benefited greatly. This is the motivation behind GoodSearch.com.

Organizations like schools and nonprofits are signing up by the droves. Currently, there are 32,000 nonprofits. The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has accumulated \$3030 in less than a year. The Elephant Sanctuary located in Tenn. has raised more than \$2800.

College campuses are also jumping on board with GoodSearch.com. The Penn State Dance Marathon, which helps thousands of children and families fight pediatric cancer, has raised more than \$2400 by getting Penn State students to use GoodSearch.com.

It's extremely easy to add an organization to the list. Just click on the "Add a New Charity or School" link and fill out a short information form. Supporters would then enter the organization's name which is automatically saved until the

user changes it. Every time the supporter employs GoodSearch.com, a donation is made to the organization.

Another key feature of GoodSearch.com is the ability to see how much the organization has made and how many hits it has generated. For example, American Red Cross of Warsaw, Ind., joined in Jan. 2007. I can see that there were four searches done that month, 15 in Feb. and 23 in Mar. each earning about a penny per hit. Obviously, the more searches through a particular organization, the more money that can be produced and there is no limit to the amount of money an organization can raise. Just two searches a day from 1000 supporters would raise about \$7300 per year.

Since donating to valuable organizations is worth far more than showing off my intellectual capabilities, next time someone is looking for an answer, I'll feign stupidity, and tell them to GoodSearch it.

How Useful is that Required Language?

One multilingual student speaks out...en inglés

By Flavia Lee Cheng

When I enrolled in PNC this January, my advisor told me that I would have to take a course in French, German or Spanish if I wanted to get a bachelor's degree in English. I was bewildered. As a Chinese person, English is my second language. I had also studied Italian earlier, even though I have forgotten most of it now. Why do I need to study another foreign language?

I began to collect information on why universities require students to take a foreign language. Going to the Internet, I found that two years of language is a requirement at most colleges and universities for many of their degree programs.

A Modern Language Association survey found that, in general, the larger the university is, the more likely it is to require students to study a foreign language. According to MLA, 75.9 percent of the largest universities have a lan-

guage requirement for some majors, while only 52.9 percent of smaller universities have a comparable requirement. While these requirements vary for different concentrations (e.g. 77.7 percent of humanities students were obliged to take a foreign language as were 63.6 percent of social sciences majors), only 12.4 percent of English departments required foreign language study!

Back in the mid 90s, the faculty at Stanford University was debating a proposal that would strengthen the foreign language requirement for undergraduate students. Our current U.S. Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice was then provost at Stanford and a supporter of the idea that every student pass a foreign language proficiency test before graduation.

"It is really a pity that Americans are so monolingual...at least some passing acquaintance with another language is important for a well-educated person," Rice stated. Stanford English Professor John Bender agreed, saying that the basic reason for learning another language was to devel-



Flavia Lee Cheng

op an understanding of "how another culture divides up the world."

A leading opponent of the Stanford proposal, statistics Professor Brad Efron, called it a "general tax on all of our students' time and money."

While no members of the Faculty Senate advocated monolingualism, several members from technical fields expressed doubts about compulsory language study, saying that students already have too many requirements and that other subjects might be more useful for their future careers.

I agree with this position. Even though I have no difficulty learning a language, I do not have the time or the need to learn one.

In preparing this argument, I interviewed 20 people, all of

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Communications Class Presents Reader's Theatre Production



Reading from "Spoon River Anthology" are, left to right, Margaret Mitchell, Trena Casey and Gayle Young.

traditions of the Reader's Theatre. Performers assume a variety of personas depending upon the demands of each selection.

Under the direction of Dr. Padberg, the cast included:

Khadijah Bailey, Valparaiso; Trena Casey, Michigan City; Keith Gould, Valparaiso; Teresa Ludvigsen, LaPorte; Beth Maack, Valparaiso; Michelle Miller, Michigan City; Margaret Mitchell, Michigan City; Jeremy Nelson, LaPorte; Jolene Richter, Hobart; Jessica Ring, Portage; Nikki Schultz, Michigan City; Edward Scrivner, Michigan City; Tara Simpson-Russell, LaPorte; Joanna Watkins, New Carlisle; Gayle Young, Westville; Edmund Yuhasz, Chesterton; Erin Zak, Valparaiso and piano accompaniment by Elizabeth Connors, Valparaiso.

The Reader's Theater, a fixture on the PNC campus since 1989, presented Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology" Apr. 11 and again on Apr. 15 in LSF Assembly Hall.

The Reader's Theatre has emerged as a result of a classroom activity for students in the Communication 240 class

Introduction to Oral Interpretation taught by Dr. Daniel L. Padberg, associate professor of communications.

The oral interpretation class focuses upon the performance of all genres of literature set before an audience.

The program featured actors reading with a book or script. This is based upon the



Students, from Dr. Daniel Padberg's Intro to Oral Interpretation, Communication 240, take to the stage to perform Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology".



Music Review

By Trilaina Sibo



Little is known about the group Era, despite the amount of tracks they have released. Era is actually a project by musician Eric Levi, who was born in France in 1955. The music created by the band is a delightful mix of rock music, synth, and Latinesque vocals. The band also does a few techno remixes of songs that have already been put out.

The original Era album was released in 1997 and became one of the largest exported albums, with six million copies sold. "Era 2" quickly followed in 1999 and "Era: The Mass" came later in 2003. Don't let the description of the vocals scare you away from this band. The music is bold and moving and the vocal range only adds to the experience. Try "Divano and Ameno" for a good sample, then try the remix of "Ameno" to truly hear this band's talent.

Samples can be heard at www.last.fm and the visually stunning music videos can, of course, be found on YouTube.

Book Review

By Jessica Ring

The Barbarians are Coming by David Wong Louie is an essential piece of contemporary Asian-American literature.

Generally speaking, it is a darkly comical depiction of the constant struggle between first generation immigrants and their children. Specifically, it is the story of Sterling Lung, a small boy growing up in the apartment above his parent's laundry service. He spends his life vehemently resisting the stereotypes and expectations from both his family and American society as a whole, training at the Culinary Institute of America to become a specialized chef in French cuisine. However, his attempt to resist is not met without serious contention.

The WASPs he serves dinner for implore him to serve them Chinese food, his mother admonishes him for not cooking properly, and his father refuses to allow Lung to cook anything for him. Lung's parents bring over a perfect



"Chinese bride" for Lung to marry, just as he finds out his Jewish-American girlfriend is pregnant.

Louie's dry humor and jaded sense of resignation save the novel from being a bleak memoir about the often overlooked issues of the Asian-American community. It is a humorous take on a serious issue, and manages to transcend all ethnic and socioeconomic categories.

Movie Review

By Jessica Ring

Gummo, the twisted brainchild of award-winning director Harmony Korine is part-documentary, part-white trash drama, and entirely disturbing. *Gummo* supposedly takes place in Xenia, Ohio; a real town devastated by a tornado some years ago. However, the most singular aspect of the film is that it entirely lacks any semblance of a plot or storyline.

The main objective of the movie focuses on showcasing the destitute and utterly dissatisfying lives of the residents of a dead town. Parts of the film are clips from actual interviews from the real residents of Xenia, generally appearing dur-



ing transitional periods of the film. The rest are sordid and curious reenactments portrayed by actors who look startlingly similar to the people featured in the real film. The line of reality blurs very quickly, and fact and fiction become utterly indiscernible throughout the duration of the movie.

The characters and images throughout the film are incredibly disturbing. Although lacking in the glamorized sex and gore taken for granted in popular Hollywood, their simplistic and despondent lives, garishly displayed, touches a most unwelcome center of the soul. The underlings of society are irreverently brought to the surface, plastering across the screen a scenario middle-class America would prefer did not exist.

What happens to Americans living amid the ruins of what once was a prosperous little town? With no education, no real jobs, and no real future, what keeps them lingering in a place destroyed long ago? Korine leaves these questions unanswered, but raises a myriad more.

The movie is most likely far from a fair representation of daily life. Korine aims to shock his audience, much like his critically acclaimed *Kids*, and he does so successfully.

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Before "Hitting the Bricks" Let OCD Help Out

By April Hodge

Like most college students, I immediately hit the Internet when I need to find something. I've searched for recipes for cocktails or a translation of a poem for English class (which I probably could have understood if I hadn't drank all those cocktails), so naturally when I needed to find a summer internship, I went online. To my surprise, I didn't find a thing.

Expecting that I would have at least 100 internships to choose from, and discovering I could only find one (unpaid), I felt defeated. Then, as if my English professor knew I was having this problem, he schedules a guest speaker who enlightens my business communications class about this enchanted, wonderful realm on campus where students find jobs and internships. This magical place is the Office of Career Development located in the dean of student's office.

Mark Hannon, director of the Office of Career Development, is our knight in

shining armor. Hannon ventures out into area businesses where he pleads the PNC students' case and wins us internship opportunities starting out between \$10 - \$12 per hour for at least 10 - 15 hours per week.

The OCD also employs a program called the Pro-partners Mentoring Program where seniors are paired up with a mentor in a field related to the student's major. Hannon persuades students to "get out of your safety zone" and get networking because internships and mentoring programs lead to jobs.

The OCD also has many other resources available to students. There is the so called "Red Book" that contains interview and résumé tips and copies of "Job Choices" magazine which has a lot of career ideas. The Red Book can be found online at <http://www.pnc.edu/depts/careers>.

When searching for internships, not only did I Google everything, I also visited Monster.com and CareerBuilders.com. The OCD has what Hannon calls a "mini-Monster" where a student can

upload their resume. But what makes this job posting better than some of the bigger ones is that businesses are specifically seeking PNC college graduates.

So, thanks to Hannon's efforts, business managers have become are interested in PNC, and students have gained precious resources which make finding that great first job or valuable internship far easier than searching page after eye-straining page on Google, Monster, or CareerBuilder. I encourage everyone to call the OCD 785-5230 or stop in at the front desk and Linda can set up an appointment.

Spanish Clubbers Celebrate Second Year of Eating Well

By April Hodge

In keeping with its reputation as the best fed club on campus, the PNC Spanish Club served tacos and other delicious Hispanic offerings at its Mar. 26 meeting.

According to Joe Semala, president, the club, which is in its second year on campus, is looking for members and officers for the 2007-2008 school year, which promises to be as gastronomically eventful as this year has been.

Each semester the Spanish Club hosts El Sabor de Hispanoamérica, which is its version of Taste of Chicago. El Sabor introduces the campus community to the foods of the different Spanish-speaking nations.

In addition, each year the club schedules monthly restaurant nights at one of the area's Hispanic restaurants; and every summer, there is a train trip to Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood, where members can exercise their linguistic skills in that bustling Spanish-speaking community.

For information on joining the Spanish Club, contact el presidente Joe Semala at jse-mal00@pnc.edu.



Joe Semala, Spanish Club president, and Grace Lacey, Spanish Club vice president, enjoy the wonderful food brought to the March 26 meeting. Many students attended the event.

Continuing Education Department Earns Award for Excellence

PNC has been honored for excellence in Generational Programming by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), an international association in lifelong learning. PNC was selected from a field of more than 100 entries from four countries. The PNC Department of Continuing Education is led by Phyllis Dranger and Ted Soeka.

The honor recognizes the PNC "Middle School Extended Learning Lab: Purdue North Central Health Science Collaborative," a partnership between the Michigan City Area Schools (MCAS), the Duneland Health Council, the Michigan City Housing Authority and PNC. The program was offered to 540 MCAS students in grades 6, 7, and 8 at Barker, Krueger and Elston middle schools who attended summer school in 2006. The students came to PNC for week-long educational sessions led by PNC faculty members. The students had the benefit of being in a university environment, working with hands-on science lab experiences and seeing the career opportunities associated with

health care and technical fields, while learning how their health choices impact their futures.

PNC faculty members worked with MCAS teachers to develop an integrated summer curriculum. Learning activities were aligned with grade-level state science standards, as well as with language arts and math standards. The PNC classes exposed the students to hands-on learning experiences in gross anatomy, chemistry and nursing labs, along with sessions in foods and nutrition and fitness. These experiences were then used to stimulate activities in the language arts and math sessions taught by the Michigan City Area Schools faculty. PNC is currently developing a program for MCAS students to be offered this summer.

LERN's primary criterion in selecting exemplary programs was the quality of being at the leading edge of the field of lifelong learning. The criteria considered are: originality, innovation, appropriateness, and adaptability as a model for other programs, replicability and measurable outcomes, according to Julie Coates, vice

president of information services for LERN. Learning Resources Network will feature the PNC award on the LERN web site at www.lern.org as well as in the LERN Magazine and newsletters.

SATs Given at Valpo H.S.

PNC Office of Continuing Education is offering non-credit courses to prepare high school students to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). The SAT review for the Math section was held at Valparaiso High School Apr. 17 and 19. The SAT review for the Verbal and Writing sections will meet at Valparaiso High School Apr. 24 to 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.

These Valparaiso High School sessions are reserved for VHS students and remaining seats are open to other students on a first come, first served basis. The registration fee for each section is \$75. These

courses are designed to help the student know what to expect on the test and focus on test-taking skills specific to the Math and Verbal and Writing sections of this exam. These courses are not intensive subject-focused instruction.

To register or to obtain information about these or other courses available through the PNC Office of Continuing Education, contact PNC - Porter County at (219) 531-4200 or visit <http://www.pnc.edu/ce>. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact PNC - Porter County.

Hyde Park Speakers Gather April 18

The PNC Hyde Park Forum Public Speaking Contest will be Wed., Apr. 18, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on campus. The 24th annual Hyde Park Forum is expected to attract 50 to 70 speakers presenting their thoughts on a variety of subjects. Many of the speakers will be students in the PNC Communication 114 class. Admission is free and open to the public. The speech topics, presentation times and rooms will be posted in LSF Building Assembly Hall Room 02 and the southeast entrance of Schwarz Hall.

Visitors to the Hyde Park Forum are welcome to move from room to room to listen to the student speakers. There will be several speakers presenting in each room, with judges evaluating the presentations. The speeches are thought-provoking, insightful and often present new or differing points of view to the listeners.

There will be an awards ceremony after all speeches are completed in Assembly Hall.

Hyde Park Forum winners will compete in a "Speak-Off" from noon to 1 p.m. in Assembly Hall on Fri., Apr. 20.

One overall winner will be named, with several runners up. The Hyde Park Forum and Speak-Off are sponsored by the PNC Department of Communication. Additional sponsors are still being sought.

The concept for the Hyde Park Forum is loosely based on London's Hyde Park, a public park known as a gathering place for speakers who wish to state their minds on any issue. Hyde Park has gained prominence as a reference to freedom of speech and intriguing speaking. Speech topics range from commentary on current news, observations of the social or cultural climate or remarks on subjects of interest to the speaker.

Further information about the Hyde Park Forum, can be obtained by contacting Dr. Daniel Wilbur, assistant professor of Communication at 800-872-1231, ext. 5472 or by visiting the PNC Web site at www.pnc.edu/com/hydepark.html. For information about sponsorship opportunities contact the Office of Advancement at 800-872-1231, ext. 5697. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Wilbur.

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Recent Polls Show Iraqi's Growing Distrust of Both The U.S. and their Own National Assembly

By Lyndsie Daikhi

In a poll conducted by D3 Systems for the BBC, ABC News and USA Today, more than 2000 Iraqis were questioned about Iraq concerning life circumstances, safety and security. The poll not only shows how the United States is viewed in Iraq but also how the Iraqi people view their own government.

When Iraqis were asked if their children would have a better life than their parents, 42 percent believe that their children will have a better life, 37 percent believe that their children will have a life that is worse theirs, and 21 percent believe that their children will have a life that is the same as the one their parents experienced.

Between 2005 and 2007 the Iraqi people have drastically changed their attitudes as to how things are going in the country. In 2005, 14 percent of believed that things were going very well but in 2007 only 4 percent believed that things

were going well.

The perceptions that the Iraqis have of the current government and the government that they will have in the future have changed. In 2004, an overwhelming majority, 79 percent, believed that Iraq would remain a unified government centered in Baghdad. However, now only 58 percent of Iraqis believe that Iraq will remain under a single centralized government.

When asked the degree of confidence that they have in the national government, only 18 percent had a great deal of confidence in the government and over half of the people polled had little to no confidence in the government.

When asked how they felt the Iraqi National Assembly was doing and whether it has carried out its responsibilities, only 10 percent of Iraqis polled believed that the National Assembly was doing a very good job. They were then asked if they approved of the job that the Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki was doing; 43 percent

approved.

This shows an overwhelming trend of distrust in the national government. Another piece of evidence that would help to prove that this is indeed a trend that will sustain itself over time is that 58 percent of Iraqis believe that the National Assembly is not willing to make the necessary sacrifices to bring safety and security to the nation.

When asked about the decision of the United States to invade Iraq and the correctness of that decision, the sentiment has changed as it has here in the United States. In 2004, only 26 percent of Iraqis felt that the invasion was absolutely wrong compared with the results in 2007; 34 percent now believe that the invasion was absolutely wrong.

When asked who they think controls the Iraqi government, most Iraqis believe that the United States is the controlling force in Iraq. This is one thing that has severely damaged the how the Iraqi people view of the United States.

Are Things in Iraq Changing?



Thousands of war protestors take to the streets carrying mock coffins symbolizing all of the U.S. soldiers that have died since the beginning of the Iraq War.

By Lyndsie Daikhi

It has been four years since we have seen the infamous video clip of the statue of Saddam Hussein fall. But have things in Iraq really changed?

That is the question that we must ponder. Have the deaths of American troops, not to mention the numerous deaths of Iraqis, been in vain?

The Department of Defense has named 3258 US service members who have died in Iraq. This number does not

include those service members who died in hospitals outside of the Iraqi borders.

We are sometimes led to believe that the Iraqi people do not mind that we are intruding within their country. However, in a recent poll done for the BBC and ABC News, when asked if they support the United States and Coalition forces only 6 percent strongly support the US and the Coalition forces.

Our president wants us to believe that his current troop surge will cure the dilemma that

we have created and that eventually we will leave Iraq a better place. I am sure most Americans, would like to see that happen, but as we all know, you can't always get what you want.

I am tired of people complaining yet failing to act upon what they believe in. If you disagree with the war in Iraq you must act by contacting your congressman or woman, or senator.

Democrats Lead in Presidential Fundraising

By Lyndsie Daikhi

The presidential race seems to be heating up. With the completion of the first quarter all the viable presidential candidates released the amount of money that they have raised thus far.

Overall the Democrats have collectively raised \$78 million and the Republicans have raised only \$51 million. This phenomenon of Democrats raising more money than the Republicans has not happened since 1976.

The person in the lead, although by only a slight margin, is Hillary Rodham Clinton. Clinton has raised \$26 million. Barack Obama is close behind

Clinton as he has raised \$25 million.

Thus far the Republican golden child in fundraising has been the little known candidate Mitt Romney. Romney led the Republican fundraising efforts, amassing \$20 million. Romney was able to gain such a lead because of contacts made through his private equity firm, Bain Capital.

The other candidates raised about half of the amount of the more popular candidates. Arizona Senator John McCain raised about half of the amount that Hillary Clinton had \$12.5 million. John Edwards, a Democrat from North Carolina who was John Kerry's vice-presidential candidate in 2004,

raised \$14 million.

Political analysts believe that the Democrats have to be so successful in fundraising because they were able to use the Internet as a mode to raise money without spending a great deal.

The Obama campaign has become the most successful in raising money through the Internet; it reported raising \$6.9 million over the Internet and on Saturday March 31, the last day of the first quarter raised over \$500,000. The Clinton campaign, although not as successful as the Obama campaign, reported raising \$4.2 million over the Internet.

Dates for Iraqi Executions Set for Religious and Political Effect

By April Hodge

So far, four former Iraqi leaders have hanged for crimes against humanity. The most infamous, or notorious, of course, is Saddam Hussein. His half-brother Barazan al-Tikriti and Awad al-Bandar, former head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court, and recently Taha Yassin Ramadan who had been sentenced back in the 1980s, have now all been hanged.

Each of these former leaders was hanged on important dates. The dates are not important because they were hanged, but important for religious or political reasons. Hussein, a Sunni Muslim, was the first to have his sentence carried out on Dec. 30, 2006. For the Iraqis, this is a day of feasting at the beginning of the Sunni Muslim festival Eid al-Adha, the Festival of Sacrifice. The Shia Muslims do not start the festival until the day after.

This deliberate act of execution on a religious Sunni holiday angered many across the Middle East. The first judge who had resigned during the beginning of Hussein's hearing, Rizgar Mohammed Amin, stated that under Iraqi law, executions during Muslim holidays are illegal and against Islamic custom. Many who believe the Hussein trial was unfair also think that the execution was an act of revenge and only carried out for political purposes. Libya and Saudi Arabia condemned the timing of the execution and Libya even postponed the festival in order to have three days of mourning. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki came under attack from the Sunni Association of Muslim Scholars stating that the timing of the execution was carried out by the government to appease the United States. Many Muslims



feel that Hussein's death on such a day has actually given him a higher status as a martyr.

Barazan al-Tikriti and Awad al-Bandar were hanged on Jan. 15, 2007. The date of their execution came as a surprise to defense lawyer Giovanni di Stefano and Iraqi vice president Tariq al-Hashimi. After hearing of the execution of his clients, Di Stefano stated that only the previous day "it was more than clear that no executions would occur until at least Jan. 25." According to the Jurist Legal News and Research website, due to filing a petition of commutation with Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, there were to be no executions until 30 days had passed.

Al-Hashimi stated "We were consulted and I was caught by surprise because the Presidency Council had made an appeal to postpone this execution, but nevertheless this execution was affected by the government without any prior consultation with us."

Many speculate the rush to carry out the executions was to

prevent further testimony that might implicate the U.S. for its involvement in supplying Iraq with weapons of mass destruction, including chemicals that were used in gassing the Kurds, the whole reason that Saddam Hussein and his colleagues were brought to trial.

A more noticeable date is the day on which Taha Yassin Ramadan was hanged. This date marked the fourth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq to overthrow Saddam Hussein. Ramadan, who helped put the Baath party into power in 1968, and a former vice president, had taken part in the killings of Dujail in the 1980s after an assassination attempt against Saddam Hussein. Ramadan had been sentenced to life in prison for his involvement.

Ramadan, in his late 60s, was then given the death penalty after prosecutors had appealed that his original life-sentence was too lenient. The execution was carried out before dawn at a military base in northern Baghdad.

Active Voices Hosts Women's Day Forum

By Lyndsie Daikhi

On March 27 in commemoration of International Women's Day, Active Voices held a forum titled "The Challenges, the Opportunities, the Future: International Women's Day 2007."

The forum involved four women who discussed topics ranging from Latin American women to women in India.

The first speaker was Dr. Silvia Lorente-Murphy, PNC professor of Spanish. Dr. Lorente-Murphy discussed Latin American women including their traditional roles and their active participation in the pursuit of human rights.

Dr. Lorente-Murphy used her extensive research she attained through conferences in Spain, Argentina, Costa Rica and France to describe how Latin American women are working toward change.

The second speaker was Dr. Neovi Karakatsanis, an associate professor of political science at Indiana University South Bend. Dr. Karakatsanis' presentation was titled "The Modern Slave Trade: Trafficking of Women for Profit." Dr. Karakatsanis gave several modern-day examples of how women and girls are being trafficked and used by others for monetary gains.

The third speaker, Johanna Buwalda M.Ed., M.A., talked about refugees of war, particularly women refugees. Buwalda discussed the work that she has done with women refugees from all across the world, including Bosnians and Africans.

The final speaker was Dr. Renu Juneja, associate provost at Valparaiso University. Dr. Juneja discussed women in her native country India.

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PNC Baseball Wrapup -

Panthers Hang Tough In Conference Playing .750 Overall

In a season marked by schedule changes due to inclement weather, the PNC Panthers currently hold a 16-12 win-loss record overall, and are an impressive 7-2 in Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference play.

Contributing to its conference record was a sweep of Calumet College of St. Joseph on April 2 when the Panthers staged a complete all-around team effort to take 8-2 and 8-1 wins.

The first game was error free with 11 PNC hits, a complete game effort from pitcher Shaun Kuhns.

Kuhns (3-2) allowed two runs (one earned) on five hits while striking out seven and walking four.

Offensively, the Panthers scored one run in the first, four in the third, two in the fourth and one in the fifth. CCSJ scored solo runs in the fifth and seventh innings.

Individually, the Panthers were led by Chris Stocker's three hits and two RBI's while Steve Georgion added a homer and three RBI's. Georgion and

in the top of the first but responded with five runs in the bottom of the first to tie it.

IIT scored two runs in the second and one in third to move ahead 8-5. PNC responded with two runs in the fifth and three runs in the sixth for the final score.

Winning pitcher Scott Marks (1-1) was sharp in relief, pitching four scoreless innings allowing just two hits while striking out three. Marks came in for Lance Losinski who gave up all eight runs (four earned) on six hits and four walks. Tom Albano pitched a scoreless seventh and struck out one to earn his fourth save.

Steve Hudson led the Panthers 11-hit attack with four knocks including two doubles, two RBI's and a stolen base. Chris Stocker added two doubles and an RBI and Jake Pierce hit his first home run of the season and added two RBI's. John Selman and Josh Earegood added a double and one RBI each.

The preceding Thursday, March 29, the team fell 5-3 to visiting conference-leader St. Xavier in Westville.

St. Xavier scored their five runs on six hits while taking advantage of four Panther errors. They scored three runs in the first inning and one each in the second and ninth innings and left eight men on base.

The Panthers scored their three runs on 12 hits and

scored one run in the third inning and two in the fourth while leaving 11 men on base, including the tying runs on second and third in the ninth inning with one out. St. Xavier did not commit an error and struck out 11 Panthers overall.

Senior pitcher Josh Earegood (0-4) pitched 6.2 innings giving up four runs (one earned) on six hits while striking out six and walking three. Junior Tom Albano allowed one unearned run in 2.1 innings of relief on one hit while punching out two.

Offensively, the Panthers were led by senior Steve Georgion with three hits while sophomores Dave Dickerson and John Selman added two hits each. Dickerson drove in a run in the fourth inning with a base hit while junior Chris Stocker added an RBI on his fourth homer of the year, also in the fourth inning. The Panthers first run came in the third inning when Tony Popov grounded into a double play scoring Dickerson.

Historic Wins

On Mon., Mar. 26, for the first time in program history, PNC swept tough Olivet Nazarene in a doubleheader. It took place at home and moved the Panthers to 4-0 in the CCAC.

In game one junior Brian Phillips moved his record to 3-1 with a complete game performance. Phillips allowed seven hits while striking out one and walking no one. The Tigers scored their only run in the fifth inning.



Photo: April Hodge

Senior Steve Georgion slides into third only to be called out. What ever happened to the tie going to the runner?

Offensively, the Panthers scored six runs on eight hits and took advantage of four Tiger errors. The Panthers scored one run in the first and five in the fourth to break it open.

Senior Chad Pierce had two hits, including a double, and two RBI's for PNC. Senior Steve Hudson added two hits and senior Tony Popov added a double and one RBI. Solo RBI's were turned in by juniors Chris Stocker and Jake Pierce.

In game two the Panthers won behind another strong pitching performance. This time senior Shaun Kuhns (2-2) allowed just one run in the fourth inning while pitching six innings overall. He gave up five hits while striking out four and walking two. Junior Tom Albano came on to earn his third save of the year by pitching a scoreless seventh while allowing just a walk.

The Panthers scored a single run in the third and three in the sixth for the difference, while collecting nine hits overall.

Freshman Adam Kennedy provided the offensive fireworks with three hits, including a two-run triple in the sixth. Popov added an RBI on his third homerun of the year in the third inning, while Stocker and Chad Pierce collected two hits apiece, including a double by Pierce. Sophomore Dave Dickerson added an RBI on a sacrifice fly in the sixth inning.

Great defensive plays were turned in by Popov at third base that ended Tiger scoring opportunities. He made a diving back-handed stop that led to a force out at the plate in the fourth inning and a sliding catch of a popup in the seventh inning.

Split with Ripon

The team split a doubleheader verses Ripon College Saturday, March 24, in Ripon Wisconsin.

The Panthers were originally scheduled to have an off day. But heavy rains forced PNC to hit the road and travel out of the region in order to stay sharp.

In game one, the Panthers were anything but sharp as they lost 12-5 while committing two errors, walking five, allowing one passed ball, throwing two wild pitches and failing to turn three double plays. The Panthers also gave up 12 hits in perhaps their worst outing of the year.

The Panthers pounded out 11 hits but couldn't overcome their defensive lapses and the strong Ripon offense. Seniors Steve Hudson, Tony Popov and Steve Georgion and juniors Jake Pierce and Nestor Allende all had two hits apiece. Allende had two doubles while Georgion and Pierce had one each.

The Panthers jumped out to a 5-2 lead but Ripon tied it in

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Softball Team Posts 16-14 Season Through Mid-April

not stop the flurry of hits by the Panther Softball team.

In game one of the double header, PNC had 13 hits. The team was led by Junior Valorie Minyard with two hits and three RBIs. Heather Weaver, Erin Foust, and Betsy Maher also had two hits apiece. The winning pitcher was Bethany Toyias. In game two the Panthers continued their hitting ways. Foust had two hits and three RBI's, Alyssa Duncan also had two hits and two RBI's. Senior Jennifer Cassell added a double and two RBI's as well. Overall, PNC had 10 runs on 13 hits, six hits being doubles. Heather Weaver also added a triple. The winning pitcher was Alyssa Whitaker.

Trinity Christian

An April 4, PNC split with Trinity Christian College winning the first game 13-3 and losing the second 16-8.

Betsy Maher led the way for the Panthers in game one with two triples and four RBI's. Senior Jennifer Cassell also had three RBI's on two hits. Alyssa Duncan and Jessica Brannagan led the team with three hits apiece. Overall, the team scored 13 runs on 14 hits. The game ended on a double by Kate Golden bringing in the go-ahead runs to end the game



by the eight-run rule. Bethany Toyias took the win for the Panthers.

Game two saw the opposite result. Trinity Christian came out in the first, driving in four runs. PNC cut the lead to one, scoring one run in the first and two in the second to bring the score to 4-3. But Trinity answered in the third scoring four more runs to retake the lead 8-3. The Panthers tied the game 8-8 in the fourth inning with Cassell and Maher hit in a run apiece. But the Trinity offense was too tough to overcome, scoring five runs in the fifth and three runs in the sixth to end the game to the 8-run rule.

The Panthers were led in game two by Betsy Maher with

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Dana Kroll

Stocker each collected their fifth homers of the year when they went back-to-back in the third inning.

Steve Hudson and Jake Pierce added two hits apiece with Hudson picking up an RBI triple.

In game two the Panthers won 8-1 on 14 hits, solid pitching and another great defensive performance (no errors).

Andrew Dahman pitched six strong innings giving up one run on four hits while striking out four and walking one. Jon Charlson concluded the day with a scoreless and hitless seventh inning.

Georgion led the way with three hits, including two triples and a double while adding two RBI's. John Selman also had three hits (one double) while Chad Pierce, Jake Pierce (double), and Adam Kennedy (double) contributed two hits apiece. Jake Pierce added two RBI's and two stolen bases to his totals.

In earlier conference play, the team split a doubleheader with the Illinois Institute of Technology on Sunday, April 1, in Westville.

In game one the Panthers fell 4-2 despite a solid pitching performance from Brian Phillips. Phillips allowed four runs in 6.1 innings while striking out five and walking three. IIT scored all their runs in the third inning on back-to-back home runs. Tom Albano came on and recorded the final two outs for the Panthers.

The Panthers scored single runs in the second and sixth innings, but managed just four hits on the day, by just two players. Tony Popov and John Selman had two hits apiece with Popov contributing a double and a stolen base and Selman driving in both runs.

In game two the Panthers used an offensive outburst to win 10-8. PNC fell behind 5-0

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the bottom of the third and scored seven runs in their final three at bats to secure the win.

The losing pitcher was junior Scott Marks (1-1) who allowed nine runs on six hits and three walks in three innings of work.

In game two the Panthers rebounded for a strong 7-3 victory behind the solid pitching of sophomore Andrew Dahman. Dahman (2-1) gave up three runs on four hits and two walks in six innings of work. Junior Jon Charlson added two scoreless innings and junior Tom Albano pitched a scoreless ninth to hold Ripon in check.

The Panthers rapped out 13 more hits, including two each by junior Chris Stocker, senior Chad Pierce, sophomore John Selman and freshman Adam Kennedy. Stocker socked his third homerun of the year and drove in two runs while Hudson, Georgion, Selman and the Pierce brothers all added doubles.

In the home opener, Monday March 19, PNC increased its winning streak to five games with a sweep of Grace College Monday afternoon in Westville.

PNC won the first game behind the pitching of junior Scott Marks who was making his first start of the year. Marks allowed two runs on five hits while striking out four and walking one in the complete game, 74 pitch effort.

The Panthers scored eight runs on nine hits and took advantage of three Grace errors. Junior Chris Stocker and senior Steve Georgion both had two hits, including a double each, and an RBI. Senior Chad Pierce had a two-run double while his brother, junior Jake Pierce added two hits and an RBI. Sophomore John Selman added a run-scoring double and senior Tony Popov contributed an RBI sacrifice fly.

In game two sophomore lefty Andrew Dahman (1-1) pitched six shutout innings in his first start of the year and junior Tom Albano added a scoreless inning for his second save.

The Panthers mustered six hits and scored both of their runs in the third inning. Sophomore Chris Cappello led the way with two hits while Chad Pierce collected both RBIs.

Solid defensive plays were turned in by senior shortstop Steve Hudson and freshman

catcher Adam Kennedy.

PNC Sweeps Conference Opener

The team swept a doubleheader from Robert Morris College Saturday, March 17, in Midlothian, Ill. It was the conference opener for both teams.

In game one, junior Brian Phillips (2-1) pitched a complete game, allowing 10 hits, four runs and three walks while striking out four in the 10-4 victory.

The Panthers jumped out to 5-0 lead before Robert Morris scored four in the bottom of the third inning to make it 5-4. PNC responded with one run in the fourth and four in the sixth for the final score.

The Panthers managed seven hits but took advantage of 10 walks and two Eagle errors for the difference. Senior Steve Georgion led the way with three hits, three runs and an RBI while sophomore John Selman drove in three runs. Freshman Nick Ullmann, sophomore Dave Dickerson and junior Jake Pierce drove in one run each.

In game two, the Panthers took an early lead but needed a late rally for the 4-3 win in eight innings. The Panthers led 2-0 entering the fourth, before Robert Morris scored single runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings for a 3-2 lead.

In the top of the seventh, senior Steve Hudson led off with a walk and was advanced to second by a sacrifice bunt by senior Tony Popov. Georgion laced a single to right field to drive in Hudson and tie the score.

In the eighth, Dickerson drove in Jake Pierce with the winning run on a line single to center field.

The winning pitcher was junior Tom Albano. Albano pitched three hitless innings while striking out four and walking one. He came on in relief of senior Shawn Kuhns, who allowed three runs (one earned) in five innings of work.

Bethel College

The team was back in action for the first time after their return from their 10 day trip to Florida. The Panthers split a doubleheader with Bethel College Friday, March 16, Mishawaka, Ind.

In game one the Panthers fell 4-2 despite the strong pitching from senior Josh Earegood. Earegood (0-3) allowed just three hits and one earned run

while striking out five. Unfortunately, he also walked seven batters and hit one, three of which turned into runs.

Bethel scored single runs in the first and third innings and scored two on a controversial call in the sixth inning.

Offensively, PNC managed just five hits and scored in just the fourth inning. Senior Tony Popov hit his first homerun of the season, a solo shot to cut Bethel's lead to 2-1. Junior Jake Pierce drove in the other run on a groundout to tie the score, but Bethel's two runs in the sixth proved to be the difference.

In game two PNC rebounded for a 10-5 come-from-behind victory. The Panthers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first but Bethel took a 3-2 lead after two innings. PNC tied the score in the third but Bethel took a 5-3 lead after four innings. The Panthers responded with three runs in the fifth inning and four in the sixth to take control of the game.

Freshman Kevin Scott moved his record to 2-0 by allowing five runs in four innings of work. Junior Jon Charlson picked up his second save by pitching three scoreless innings of relief.

The Panthers pounded out 14 hits and were led by senior Steve Georgion. Georgion had three hits, including a double and a mammoth homerun, drove in three and scored three runs. Sophomore John Selman added three hits, including a double, three RBIs and two stolen bases.

Popov connected on his second homer of the day and added two hits, two RBI and three runs for PNC. Pierce and junior Nestor Allende added two hits apiece with Pierce picking up a double and Allende an RBI. Senior Steve Hudson and freshman Nick Ullman added doubles for the Panthers.

Early Spring

Coach John Weber has attributed much of this season's success to a particularly grueling early spring schedule against teams with national reputations. The team finished 5-5 on their spring trip to Pensacola, Flor. The Panthers had several impressive performances as all five victories came against teams that were nationally ranked or receiving votes to be ranked.

In its early season opener the Panthers dropped three straight to Christian Brothers University, a NCAA Division II school from the difficult Gulf South Conference. The Bucs improved to 7-4 on the season.

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Left to right, Brian Winter, Josh Appel and Miles Hiteman installing the mortar net within the drainage cavity between the cavity wall insulation panels and facing brick wythe of masonry.

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two hits. Bethany Toyias takes the loss for the Panthers.

Judson

On Apr. 2, the PNC softball team split with conference rival Judson College 3-1 and 1-0.

In game one of the doubleheader the Panthers were lead by Jessica Brannagan and Erin Foust with two hits apiece. Heather Weaver hit in Alyssa Duncan after Duncan hit a triple to get into scoring position in the bottom of the seventh. Kate Golden took the loss for the Panthers.

Game two saw tough defense from both teams. The only run of the game came in the bottom of the seventh inning when Betsy Maher, pinch hitting, hit a double, driving in pinch runner Katie Ebach for the win. Bethany Toyias took the win for the Panthers.

Robert Morris

PNC Softball lost two close games with Robert Morris College 2-1 and 2-0 on Thursday, March 29, 2007.

In game one of the double bill, tough defense on both sides kept either team from running away with the game. PNC's lone run came when Senior Jennifer Cassell hit Betsy Maher in with a single up the right side. Bethany Toyias took the loss for the Panthers.

In game two, the Panthers had ten hits. Kate Golden went 2 for 4, Cassell went 3 for 4, and Alyssa Duncan pinch hitting for Ashley Watson was 1 for 1. Despite good batting the Panthers were unable to capitalize. PNC lost 2-0 with Alyssa Whitaker taking the loss.

St. Xavs

Lack of offense was the culprit for the losses when the Panthers faced St. Xavier in conference play, March 27 at Patriot Park. In game one the Panthers were kept off the board but held Xavier to only three runs in the defeat. Bethany Toyias took the loss for the Panthers.

In game two the Panthers again had a lack of offense. Xavier scored eight runs on 10 hits. Five runs were scored in the sixth inning alone. The Panthers did avoid the eight-run rule when Valerie Minyard ripped a single through the left side of the infield to score Erin Foust. The Panthers held St. Xavier in the seventh but were unable to answer in the bottom. Panther pitcher Tracy Markwell took the loss.

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whom had studied one or two foreign languages in high school and/or university. Twelve told me that they have forgotten more than 95 percent of the languages they had learned. Six still remember about 10 percent of the language. Two told me that what they learned in studying Latin helped them a lot with their English, and one said the Greek she had learned also helped her with English. One young man studied Spanish in high school and had forgotten it, but he is now learning Japanese because he works for the Navy and was stationed in Japan for three years. He also has a Japanese girl friend.

Of my twenty interviewees, one still uses the Spanish he studied in college, and later with a private tutor, because he does business with Spanish speaking people. One lady related that she studied two years of German in high school and four years in university, but her German nearly prevented her from graduating. She received As in every subject except German where was given a D-. She did graduate and she points out she has never had a chance to use her German.

When I learned Italian, I learned it very quickly because I had to use it. After six months, studying four hours a week, I was able to communicate with my Italian clients. After 20 years of not using it, I have forgotten almost all the Italian I

once knew. My daughter learned French in high school and Japanese in college. She has forgotten all of her Japanese and I speak more French than she does because I picked it up through my business trips.

In my opinion, language is something you will learn when you have to use it, and if you do not use, you will lose it. I agree that it is good to learn another language, but lessons should start very early on, I would say as early as preschool. The little ones pick up language very quickly, and proper pronunciation seems to come very easily to them. My 5-year-old grandson teaches me how to pronounce English words properly. I also think that it is an advantage to learn more languages to cope with the modern globalization trend. But would it not be better to be more flexible, and provide students with a choice?

I really do not want to learn yet another new language at my age. English is already a second language for me. I think it is appropriate that universities offer foreign language courses, but should they be a requirement?

Flavia Lee Cheng is a non-traditional student of who was born and raised in China and has raised her own family in the U.S. She has also had a successful career in international trade. She currently resides in Portage, but is making plans to move to University Park to be closer to PNC.

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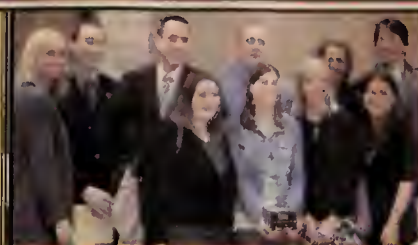
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El Sabor de Hispanoamérica

PNC BITS

By April Hodge

The PNC Spanish Club hosted its third Taste of Hispanic America on Apr. 24. This semester's event drew a lot of hungry students and faculty who enjoyed various foods from different Spanish-speaking countries.

A new addition to this popular event was live music. In the past, El Sabor has always showcased Latin and Spanish music from various CDs, but the live music featured narrative bits about the cultural background of each song which created a more indepth cultural view about them. Some guests even put in requests of their favorites, including a wonderful rendition of "La Bamba" that had been made famous in the U.S. because of Richie Valens.

Grace Lacy, Spanish Club vice president along with President Joe Semala, graduate this year. Replacing Semala as president is Georgina Tomás. The rest of the new 2007-8 Spanish Club officers are vice president Austre Medina; secretary Viviana Garcia; treasurer Maria Huizar; historian Katie Gonzalez; webmaster April Hodge; advisor Maria Ziegenfuss.

Spanish Club is growing and has been asked to participate in the first Cinco de Mayo Festival parade at Washington Park Zoo in Michigan City, Ind. The event will start at 11 a.m. with Mexican hat decorating. The parade begins at noon and then more activities will follow at Washington Park Zoo. Activities will include Mexican hat decorating sponsored by Lubeznik Center for the Arts; Cinco de Mayo parade at noon; from 12:30 - 6 p.m. food & beverages, music, and book give away by the Literacy Council of LaPorte County, art show, games; 1 - 2 p.m. Mexican Hat Dance contest for children, sponsored by the



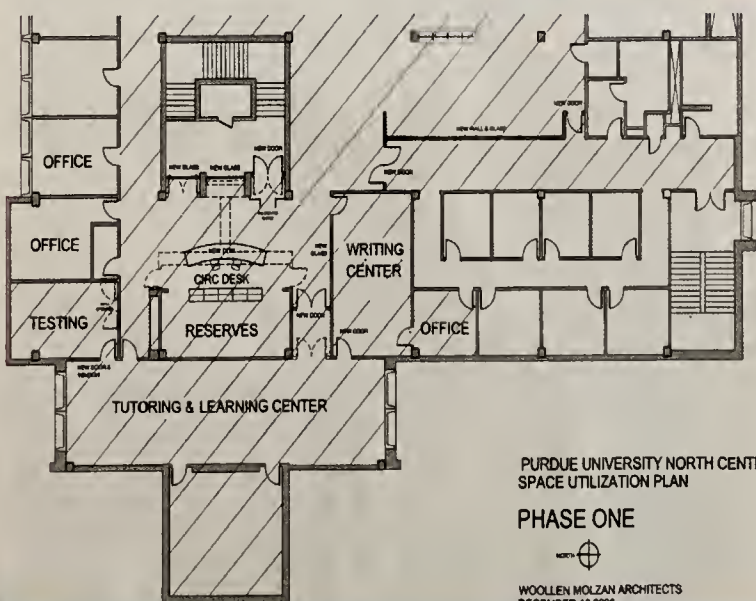
(Pictured above) Live music serenaded the crowd at El Sabor de Hispanoamérica (The Taste of Hispanic America). This was the third time that the PNC Spanish Club, in its second year of service, has hosted the event which brings the community in contact with various Hispanic foods. (Pictured below) Two PNC students begin the long trail leading around LSF 144 of delicious food from different Hispanic countries.

Michigan City Public Library. All times are central standard.

The PNC Spanish Club members are creating a float with a Mexican theme, blaring some music, and handing out flyers about the club.

El Sabor was a success due to the hard work of Maria Ziegenfuss and Grace Lacy who planned and coordinated the event. The event also could not have taken place without the generous food donations that student and faculty volunteered to cook.

A \$500 diversity grant the Spanish Club won was used for this event to cover the costs of the live music, plates, napkins, utensils, tómbola gifts, games and beverages.



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Library Renovations to Create One-Stop Academic Support

Students returning to campus next fall will see big changes in the library. To begin, the elevator is now public, so students have the option of riding the lift previously reserved for key-carriers, or using the staircase, to navigate themselves to the second floor of LSF. But that's just the beginning.

According to Lawrence Barrett, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management and student services, the renovation scheduled for the PNC library, which occupies LSF's second floor, is more than a cosmetic facelift. The project will result in a vibrant center

providing students with one-stop shopping for virtually all academic support services.

In addition to all the current library services, the floor is to be reconfigured to bring together the Learning Center, to be renamed the Student Success Center, academic testing, the Writing Center, all tutoring functions, and student advising.

Steve Turner, associate vice chancellor for physical facilities and auxiliary services, said, that construction in the library will begin at the end of this semester and will be completed by the start of the Fall '07 term.

Faculty Promotions

PNC announces that the Purdue University Board of Trustees approved the promotion of two faculty members. These promotions become effective with the 2007 -2008 academic year.

Dr. R. Derek

Bjonback to associate professor of Business. Bjonback has been with PNC since 2000. He earned his bachelor's and master's degree from Simon Fraser University in Canada. He holds an MBA from the University of Notre Dame and his PhD from Colorado State University.

Dr. Deepa Majumdar to associate professor of Philosophy. She joined the PNC faculty in 2001. Majumdar has her bachelor's degree from Delhi University, a master's degree from the Delhi University School of Economics, a PhD from Iowa State University and a doctorate of social science from the New School University in New York.

New Dean Named

PNC announces that the Purdue University Board of Trustees has approved the appointment of Dr. Keith E. Schwingendorf as dean of the College of Science effective July 1.

Schwingendorf has served the Purdue University system for more than 35 years coming to PNC in 1991. He had served as interim dean since July 2006. Prior to serving as interim dean, he served as the chair of the Mathematics/Physics/Statistics Department. Schwingendorf earned his Bachelor's of Science, Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in mathematics from Purdue University.

Schwingendorf is the recipient of four outstanding teaching awards and has received several grants from the National Science Foundation.

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Editorial

Germany on a Budget

A couple of issues ago, (see "Spring Break on 50 dollars") I established that I am, not the queen of budget spending. In fact, I pretty much proved that left alone with only a little bit of money for necessities, I will, in fact, buy movie tickets and lattes and effectively begin to enter a malnourished stupor, because lattes are not food. I repeat, (because it is part of my recovery program) lattes are not food.

This summer, I am traveling out to mighty Germany, Bavaria, to be more specific. Not to worry, I do have a traveling companion, and he does possess significantly more common sense than I ever will. I am fairly certain he will not allow me to sell our return tickets for three hundred German chocolate cakes, although it is a tempting proposition.

In planning our vacation, we harnessed the mighty internet to do our bidding for international travel tips and information.

Passports: Passports are expensive, a royal pain to get during peak season, and necessary for most countries. Some

countries require visas, which are even more of a hassle, more money, and may require a personal visit to the consulate or embassy of the desired country. Passports cost about a hundred dollars and about six weeks to arrive off-season, ten weeks during peak season.

Online booking: Sites like expedia.com, priceline.com, and Travelocity.com all offer discount fares for travel. So far, Travelocity has offered the cheapest fares for all seasons. Peak season is July-August, so fares in general are going to be more expensive. The best time to travel is right after the peak season, in early autumn. There are some sites that offer discounts for student travel, but they were still more expensive than the general discount-fare sites.

Hostels: No, I haven't seen the movie. Hostels are ideal for college-age students who really just need a place to sleep at night, or perhaps to mingle with similarly-minded individuals from around the world. Hostelworld.com offers online booking and well over two hun-



Asst. Editor Jessica Ring

dred hostel reviews from some of the more popular destinations. The only compromise is privacy, as rooms can range from two to 100 bunks, and bathrooms are limited.

Travel Guides: Lonelyplanet.com gives a comprehensive list of information for curious travelers. They have every country in the world listed, and offer blurbs on food, culture, sightseeing and more.

There will be an update on my trip sometime next fall, assuming I successfully return. But oh, those chocolate cakes are tempting.

Message from the Vice Chancellor of Enrollment

Changes in Financial Aid Notifications

Beginning with the fall, 2007 semester, the Financial Aid Office will no longer be mailing your annual award notification offers.

This information will be available on your "My PNC" portal as soon as it is calculated. Accompanying information regarding the financial aid process, the loan request form, information and the link for Parent PLUS loans, and general financial aid information will be available on the Financial Aid page of the PNC website.

If you require a hard copy of your award notification, you may pick one up in the Financial Aid Office, Room 38, Schwarz Hall, AFTER your information is available on the portal. If you will be attending PNC for the first time, you will still receive your award notification and accompanying documents via US Mail to the address on file with the Registration Office. This information will also be available to you on your



Larry Barrett Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and Student Services

"My PNC" portal.

If you have not received your award or offer by June 30, stop in at the Financial Aid Office so we can be sure to complete your aid notification

offer. Prompt response regarding your offer will allow deferment of fees with the Bursar Office.

Forget Paris Student Prefers Westville

By John Cates, Advisor

Amir Izadine is a PNC freshman who plans to complete his required courses at PNC, then move on to West Lafayette to get a degree in pharmacy. He was born and raised in Chad and his immediate family remains in that troubled Central African nation.

Izadine is the oldest of five siblings, who are at home with his parents. After graduating from high school in the capital city of N'Djamena, he faced the same decision his schoolmates faced: where to go on to college or university. According to Izadine, the choices in Chad are few, so most students leave the country to pursue a higher education. The most popular place is Paris, followed by the U.S. and Canada. Since Chad was originally a French colony, there is a common cultural history; however there are also the old wounds and prejudices that often exist

between former occupiers and those whom they once ruled over.

As a student, Izadine traveled to Paris often, so he knows the terrain.

"The local Parisian is not all that friendly toward someone from Chad," Izadine explained. "Plus, it is a very expensive city, so your quality of life there is going to be less than you can experience in other places."

Izadine has relatives in Terra Haute, Ind., so that opened up the possibility of attending school in the U.S.

After comparing, Izadine concluded, "For a foreign student, I think you stand to get a better education in U.S. than in Paris. And you will have a better lifestyle." He further states that Americans are far more welcoming to foreign students.

Izadine remains committed to this family and friends in Chad. After earning his degree, he intends to return to Africa



Amir Izadine, freshman, came from Chad to study at PNC and will complete his pharmacy degree at Lafayette.

where he can make a contribution to bettering the lives of those living in an extremely poor country that is becoming more dangerous by the day.

Chad shares a border with the Darfur Province of Sudan, a territory undergoing a government condoned genocide that has sent millions of inhabitants into Chad seeking safety. The wave of refugees, who are often being pursued into Chad by their persecutors, has put tremendous economic and social pressures on the country.

Izadine was born in the small town of Tina, which today lies in the path of fighting overflowing from Darfur. His family moved to N'djamena when he reached high school age, where his father operates a retail clothing store. His three younger brothers and one sister attend local schools, and look to Izadine to set the example and pave the way for their continued education.

The Voice Staff Announced for 2007-8 Academic Year

Staff Size Grows with Renewed Energy

The Voice is happy to announce the new staff members of the 2007-8 academic year.

Thanks to the efforts of the existing staff, the size for next year has grown to eleven members from only four as of the last issue.

Joining the staff are Jesse Cartagena, writer/reporter; Jon Sichtermann, writer/reporter; Katie Gonzalez, photojournalist; Lisa Rosenkranz, photojournalist; Nathan Ross, ad manager; Sean Sullivan, web manager.

Lyndsie Daikhi has been promoted to assistant editor, April Hodge stays on as editor, and Jessica Ring and Trilaina Sibo stay on as writers. Of course, saving the best for last,

John Cates continues to provide his journalistic talents as the advisor to the student newspaper.

Thank you to all who applied for these positions. The response was wonderful. Thank you to those who helped build the newspaper since the beginning of this campus. Thank you also to those who contributed this year by writing, sending pictures, suggesting story ideas, and giving us your honest critiques. You have all made the Purdue North Central student newspaper stronger, more professional, more fun, more rewarding, and a bigger part of this campus.

See you in the fall!

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The Voice

April Hodge	Editor-in-Chief
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PNC Students Perform at Spring Poetry Slam-Light



Professor Bob Mellin put together another polite poetry slam. There were several students who performed original pieces ranging in topics from love and loss, political dissent, and light-hearted limericks.



Music Review

By Trilaina Sibb



Since summer is coming, a band with island ties and fun dance beats seems to be in order. Captain Jack, a German group with ties to Cuba, is just the group to bring in the warm weather.

Franky Gee and Liza De Costa are a couple who sing in military uniform, but their songs are mostly about peace and love. Their music features fast dance beats and fun lyrics while still keeping a militaristic sound to them. Songs bring to mind beaches, parties of summers past, and coconuts with little umbrellas in them.

While the songs are fun, they do feature a few explicit lyrics. Edited versions can be found in games such as Dance Dance Revolution, but unedited versions can be found lurking on YouTube and LimeWire.

Book Review

By Jessica Ring



The world lost a great writer with the passing of Kurt Vonnegut.

An Indiana native, Vonnegut created strange and eclectic environments, often dystopian societies with unmistakable parallels to contemporary society. Vonnegut is no easy read, however, (though the words ain't very big) as every paragraph leads the reader to question the seemingly absurdist integration of character interaction and plot.

The characters are often strong reflections of Vonnegut, sharing experiences and hailing from the same geographical areas, namely Indianapolis.

Cat's Cradle is one of Vonnegut's better known novels. The primary characters center around a family comprising a scientist who helped engineer the atom bomb and his disenchanted daughter. The scientist is seemingly soulless, and harbors a secret ice that freezes at room temperature and spreads quickly across any form of water, with an impossible-to-attain melting point. If the ice were released, the entire world would be destroyed, completely frozen over.

More than a cheap sci-fi thriller, the societal ramifications of the novel are quite blatant. It is an American classic, and one that should be read and considered by all.

Movie Review

By Jessica Ring



Hedwig and the Angry Inch is a funny, provocative, and utterly obscene glimpse into the world of garish hairdos and badly botched plastic surgery.

It is a musical detailing the

life of title character Hedwig, in his/her own words, about the sad state of her life, and how she went from being a small boy in Eastern Germany to a genderless glam queen singing

for the elderly in seafood restaurants in the Midwest. It details failed relationships, including that between Hedwig and Tommy Gnosis, the biggest rock star in the world, and how he stole her songs and her career.

Originally an off-Broadway musical *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* won 25 awards, along with 20 other nominations, including a Golden Globe "Best Performance" by director/actor John Mitchell.

The songs are garish and catchy, and the characters are hopelessly depressing yet guiltily amusing to watch. If nothing else, it is haplessly entertaining and will keep your attention fixated for the duration of the film.

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Activities

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2007 Hyde Park Forum Contest Winners and Participants



Above: Cameron Kelly-Johnson won the Hyde Park Forum on Apr. 20 with his persuasive speech. He encourages all young women to get the new HPV vaccination which helps protect against cervical cancer.



Above: Jacqueline Thomas received Honorable Mention. Her topic covered the atrocities of human trafficking.



Above: Anfani Okosun won first runner up with his speech about outdoor wood-fired boilers and the pollution they produce. **Below:** Morgan Hubbard receives her prize as second runner up. She spoke about being over-worked.

On Apr. 20 four speakers competed in the Speak-Off part of the Hyde Park Forum Contest.

The finalists were Anfani Okosun, Morgan Hubbard, Cameron Kelly-Johnson, and Jacqueline Thomas.

Two of the four finalists, Okosun and Hubbard, used power point presentation to aid in persuading the crowd to agree with their topics. Thomas used a powerful example of comparing thousands of pieces of rice to represent the enormous number of individuals who suffer from modern-day

slavery.

Kelly-Johnson, winner, used the old-fashioned method of standing in front of the crowd using his charismatic oratory skills.

Top Speaker:

Cameron Kelly-Johnson
Topic: HPV Vaccine
Title: "The STD you Never Knew you Had"

1st Runner up:

Anfani Okosun
Topic: Outdoor wood-fired boilers
Title: "Burning to Take Our

Breath Away"

2nd Runner up:

Morgan Hubbard
Topic: Over-working
Title: "Working Ourselves to Death!"

Honorable Mention:

Jacqueline Thomas
Topic: Human trafficking
Title: "Sale of Lives"

Room - SWRZ 261

1st - Jacqueline Thomas
2nd - Tiffonee Turner
Topic: Doctors over-prescribing medicine

Title: "An Easy Way Out"

3rd - Annett McFarland

Topic: Not smoking

Title: "Somebody Loves You"

Other participants

Ryan Curless
Drinking and driving
"Experience"

Mark Myszkowski
Tattoos
"Tattoos: A World of Body Art"

Room - SWRZ 218

1st - Morgan Hubbard
2nd - Misty Coleman
Topic: Steel vs. wood framing
Title: "A Home of Steel"
3rd - Lisa Rosenkranz
Topic: Student organizations
Title: "Get Involved!"



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Supreme Court Backs Ban on Late Term Abortions

By Lyndsie Daikhi

The Supreme Court narrowly upheld a nationwide ban on late term abortions. This is the first time that the court has restricted abortion rights.

The vote was 5-4 and the

court ruled that the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 does not violate a women's right to have an abortion, which was established in 1973 in the Roe v. Wade case.

The Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 stated that "a

moral, medical and ethical consensus exists that the practice of performing a partial-birth abortion...is a gruesome and inhumane procedure that is never medically necessary and should be prohibited."

The procedure of partial birth abortions is known medically as "intact dilation and evacuation." Intact dilation and evacuation was deemed within the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 that " 'partial birth' gives the fetus an autonomy which separates it from the right of the woman to choose treatments for her own body."

This ruling was also the first time that the court has banned a specific abortion procedure. Many critics of the ruling are upset that it did not provide for an exception to protect the health of the woman, but many proponents believe that the exception that it does provide, to save a women's life, is good enough.

Left: Pro-life and anti-abortion protestors are muddled together outside the Supreme Court during the hearing. In a 5-4 vote, the Partial Birth Abortion Ban remains a law.



Cindy Sheehan Visits Calumet Region



By Nick Egnatz

Nick Egnatz, who wrote this report, is the Viet Nam vet who started and who has played a great role in building the peace movement in Northwest Indiana.

On Wed., Apr. 11, Cindy Sheehan flew into Chicago O'Hare Airport and proceeded to enjoy a one and a half-hour wait on the side of the runway with the other passengers. At least things got better as the day progressed, as she was greeted with

a warm welcome at both, Grace Place, Chicago, Ill. and Indiana University Northwest, Gary, Ind.

The Grace Place event was more of a meeting and conversation with supporters in Chicago, supplemented by the inspiring music of a partial cast of the Chicago group "Voices" and equally inspiring talks from Iraq Veterans Against the War Aaron Hughes and Derek Giffin.

In contrast, the event in Gary was more of a break out for the entire peace movement in the Calumet Region. A crowd of more than 500 was both moved to tears and cheers as they listened to accounts of the devastation of the war on both the homefront and on the Iraqi people.

John Gunn, of the IUN Black Student Union, was a deft emcee as he dealt with a guest of honor whose schedule had been pushed back by the delay at the airport.

Students from IUN and Valparaiso assisted Karen Kroczyk and other NWI Coalition volunteers as they put it all together and pulled it off without a hitch.

Nancy Escabedo and Dorothy Mokry at IUN assisted in coordinating all the details with the University. And steelworker Blanca Morales was up at dawn running off the event program that Eve Bottando had whipped up the day before. That would be the same Eve of the Purdue Cal Campus Greens



The names...

33 Killed in Virginia Tech Rampage

By Lyndsie Daikhi

On Monday, Apr. 16 the deadliest school shooting in history took place at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The gunman, Cho Seung-Hui, shot and killed 33 in total including himself.

The shootings began at around 7:15 a.m. in the West Ambler Johnston dormitory where two were killed. They were a freshman Emily Hilscher and a senior Ryan Clark who were the first to be

killed in the rampage.

A two-hour break ensued and at around 10 a.m. Cho entered Norris Hall, an engineering and technology building, chained the doors shut, and began the second round of shootings.

Those killed in Norris Hall include: Ross Abdallah Alameddine, Jamie Bishop, Brian Bluhm, Austin Cloyd, Jocelyn Couture-Nowak, Daniel Perez Cueva, Kevin Granata, Matthew Gwaltney, Caitlin Hammaren, Jeremy

Herbstritt, Rachael Hill, Jarrett Lane, Matt La Porte, Henry Lee, Liviu Librescu, G.V. Loganathan, Partahi Lumbatoruan, Lauren Ashley McCain, Dan O'Neil, Juan Ortiz, Minal Panchal, Erin Peterson, Michael Steven Pohle Jr., Julia Pryde, Mary Karen Read, Reema Samaha, Waleed Shaalan, Leslie Sherman, Maxine Turner, and Nicole Regina White.

During the intermission, Cho mailed several photographs, a video and writings to NBC News. One of the photos shows Cho wearing a vest and a baseball hat holding two guns. NBC turned over the materials that it received to the FBI. The materials included 23 QuickTime video files in which Cho makes mention to the slayings to come.

Students who wished, returned to school on Monday Apr. 23, 2007. Those who did not return to school will receive the grade in their class as it stood prior to the shootings.

The Student Government of Virginia Tech asked the media to leave or remain distant so that the students could return to a somewhat normal life.



A memorial was set up for the victims of the shootings. Pictured here is Joshua Stevens of Blacksburg mourning the loss.

who had handled all the press contacts before the big day.

Union organizers Ed Johnston, Robin Rich, Bill Carey and Paul Kaczocha were joined by numerous others at the local level in getting the word out that organized labor wants an end to war and occupation.

AFSC Chicago had provided the Indiana portion of the nationally acclaimed "Eyes Wide Open" exhibit of boots for each dead soldier in Iraq.

The NWI Times lead story on today's front page had a dramatic color picture of with the boots in the foreground. People brought shoes to auditorium for a companion exhibit in the foyer representing the Iraqi civilian dead.

Dr. Jesus Negrete music warmed the big crowd up as they waited Cindy's arrival.

Dr. Raoul Contreras of IUN and a Vietnam Vet spoke of the criminality of the war and occupation.

Gary City Councilman spoke as the man who intro-

duced two successful resolutions passed by the Gary City Council condemning the war and the troop surge or escalation.

Tammi Davis of the NAACP was able to relate to the cost of the war on the home front in our nation's cities.

Lorenzo Crowell, V.P. of the Northwest Indiana Federation of Labor, ably represented that labor will not go along with the President's war policy.

And then there were our vets: Iraq Veterans Against the War members Aaron Hughes, Vince Emanuele and Derek Giffin. These three young men (in years not experiences) are eloquently finding their voices as the veteran's movement takes its rightful place, demanding an end to the failed, bullying policy of the Bush Administration.

They spoke of Vietnam era flack jackets, soldiers running errands for civilian contractors and the military preparing our troops for the Iraq invasion just

weeks after the 9/11 attacks.

They spoke of entire tours in Iraq without once being able to help an Iraqi, of being given orders to drive through a crowd of kids just wanting to be near the soldiers, even if it meant running them over. And then coming home and being greeted by the indifference of many Americans to the reality of what the war is.

Cindy was able to immediately make the human connection with her audience. She told of being given a note by the stewardess on the plane that another passenger wanted to meet her because her nephew had been killed in Iraq the day before and she was flying to North Carolina to be with her family.

Cindy went back to talk with the woman, not knowing or caring which side of the Iraq debate she was on. Cindy was

Sports

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PNC Baseball Wrap-up...

April Sees Panther Baseball Improve to 24-15 Overall, 12-4 in CCAC

The Purdue North Central baseball team moved to 24-15 overall and 12-4 in CCAC play after sweeping a doubleheader from visiting Cardinal Stritch University Saturday afternoon, April, 21, in Westville. The Panthers won the first game 10-3 and took the second game 10-0 in five innings.

In game one Shaun Kuhns moved his record to 5-2 with four shutout innings, allowing just four hits while striking out one.

The Panthers had 10 runs on 13 hits and committed one error while Cardinal Stritch scored three runs on 11 hits and also committed one error. PNC scored one run in the first, three in the second, five in the third and one in the sixth while the Timberwolves scored one in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Offensively, the Panthers were led by Steve Hudson with three hits and two RBI's, including his second homer of the year. Chris Stocker added two hits, including his seventh home run, and Mike Zolper added three singles and three

RBI's. Doubles were turned in by Nestor Allende and Dave Dickerson. Every starter had a hit except for Steve Georgion, who reached on a walk.

In game two Josh Earegood (1-4) picked up his first win of the year with five shutout innings, allowing just one hit while striking out four.

The Panthers scored five runs in the first inning, one in the third, three in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Every starter had a hit except for Adam Kennedy, who reached on an error. Steve Georgion led the way with a double and four RBI's while Jake Pierce and Chad Pierce had two hits apiece with Chad driving in two runs. Chris Stocker and Dave Dickerson added triples for the Panthers.

Aquinas College Sweep

In earlier outings this month the Panthers also swept a doubleheader from visiting Aquinas College, April 18, in Westville. Both games were tightly contested with PNC pulling out identical 3-2 victories.

In game one, the Panthers were led by the strong pitching of Brian Phillips. Phillips improved to 5-3, allowing two runs (one earned) on five hits while striking out one. Tom Albano returned from an injury to secure his fifth save of the year, ending the game on a strikeout.

The Panthers scored two runs in the first inning and one in the second while Aquinas managed single runs in the fifth and seventh innings.

PNC had eight hits and were led by John Selman and Jake Pierce (double) with two hits each, while Steve Hudson and Chris Stocker added a RBI apiece.

In game two Aquinas held a 1-0 lead before the Panthers scratched out their first hit and eventually scored three runs in the sixth inning. The Saints added a run in the seventh before Albano worked his way out of a bases loaded jam with a strikeout to end the game for his sixth save of the year. The six saves broke the school record of five which Albano set last year.

Lance Losinski pitched



From left to right: Senior pitchers Shawn Kuhns, John Lackinger and Josh Earegood

four strong innings for the Panthers, allowing one run on four hits while walking four and striking out four.

Scott Marks moved his record to 4-1 with 2.2 innings of relief, allowing one run while striking out two.

PNC managed just three hits overall, one apiece by Mike Zolper, Chris Stocker and Dave Dickerson. Zolper broke up the no-hitter with a lead-off bunt in the sixth. Stocker drove in the first run with an RBI single before Dickerson landed the big

blow with a two run double.

Goshen College Split

The team split a non-conference doubleheader with Goshen College, April 17, in Goshen.

In game one the Panthers fell 5-3 as the Maple Leafs rallied from a 3-1 deficit by scoring four runs in the sixth inning for the difference.

Andrew Dahman allowed three runs on eight hits and two walks while striking out one in 5.2 innings of work for the Panthers.

The Panthers knocked out 10 hits but failed to get them when they counted, as they left eight men on base.

Jake Pierce, Steve Hudson and Nestor Allende had two hits apiece with Hudson adding a double and a RBI. Steve Georgion and Chris Cappello also added RBI's for the Panthers.

In game two the Panthers won 6-2 behind the strong

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Weather Permitting... Lady Panthers on Track to Post Winning Season

April saw a continuation of the bizarre weather patterns that have plagued intercollegiate athletics, particularly in the Midwest and East Coast. A spring blizzard managed to cancel the Iowa Wesleyan Tournament, scheduled for Apr. 12-14, however, the PNC softball team managed to venture as far as Bourbonnais, Ill., on Thurs. Apr. 19 to face conference rival Olivet Nazarene and bring their record to 19-15 for the year, and 8-8 in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

What's more, for the first time in school history, the Panthers defeated the Tigers, winning the doubleheader opener, 1-0, and giving up the second game, 6-1.

An extra inning was needed to decide game one of the double header. Both teams displayed excellent defense as neither team would give. PNC's Bethany Toyias threw the shut out for the Panthers, allowing only five hits in eight innings of play. Alyssa Duncan hit a single up the middle to score Jessica Brannagan from third to give the panthers the lead. The Panther defense was able to hold the Tigers in the bottom of the eighth to take the win and defeat Olivet for the first time in school history.

Game two saw Olivet come to life as the Tigers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the



Jessica Brannagan, sophomore, is ready on base.

first. The Panthers cut the lead 2-1 in the second when Betsy Maher drove in Alyssa Duncan. Olivet answered with two runs in the second to extend their lead 4-1. The Tigers added to their lead in the sixth with two

more runs putting score to 6-1. Pitcher Alyssa Whitaker takes the loss for the Panthers.

IU Southeast

On the home front, on Sun., Apr. 15, the PNC ladies won two non-conference games against IU Southeast, 6-1 and 1-0.

In game one of the double header PNC Alyssa Duncan lead the team by going 2 for 3 with 2 RBI's hitting in Kate Golden with a triple to left center, while Erin Foust went 1 for 2 with 2 RBI's. The winning pitcher was Bethany Toyias.

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there for her, just as she has been there for all of us, carrying this tremendous burden of personal grief and grief for our country.

Just as we gain strength from Cindy's courage, one can only hope that our support helps her to carry on.

Cheryl, the woman on the plane, went on to relate how her brother, the dead soldier's father, had previously supported the President. The day after hearing of his son's death he put a picture of his son and a sign in his front window "George Bush killed my son."

Cindy told us of falling to the ground screaming when told of her son's death. She went on to say that really all of our soldier's die in Iraq. None of them return home the same person they were when they left.

Ashley Noble, nine year-old daughter of Specialist Gerald Noble, currently serving in Iraq, presented Cindy with a token of our appreciation.

Calumet was the term the French trappers used for the Native American peace pipe. The name stuck to our area. We thought it fitting and proper that the "peace mom" should have a Calumet variation of a peace pipe for her constant, tireless activism in the cause of peace. We are all in debt to Marjorie Crawford for providing it.

NWICAIW Co-Chair Carolyn McCrady told the crowd about the gains the peace movement has made in the Region. From a crowd of 125 a year ago at a rally in the Genesis Center in Gary, to the 500 plus in attendance at IUN, we've come a long way, but we're just getting started.

To the Bush Administration: you ain't seen nothing yet.

200 copies of Cindy's first book "Not One More Women's Child" were given as gifts to attendees and Cindy autographed a limited number to the winners of a blind drawing. Of course she didn't want to leave and she didn't want to hurry anyone she was talking with, but she had been up early and stuck on a plane for most of the day and still had to travel to South Bend that night for the next morning's event. Yet she hurried no one and touched many with her caring attention.

A personal note; it was my great honor to introduce Cindy last night, just as it has been my great honor to work with all of you in the cause of peace these last few years.

In "Speaking Peace to Power" we hope that Cindy is able to draw on the strength that we have given to each other, as she continues to lead our movement. One final note, thank you Karen Kroczeck, for grace under pressure.

Dr. Kim Scipes, of PNC, attended this event and passed along all information to The Voice. This is what he had to say about it:

"The thing that most surprised me about Cindy is that she isn't a very dynamic public speaker.

"She just talks with her audiences like you were having coffee together: no histrionics, no exhortations, just the facts and her take at what's going on.

"A very gracious woman, she offered to sign 10 books and probably ended up signing 50 before she was through, with warmth and kind words to everyone.

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pitching effort of freshman Kevin Scott. Scott threw his first collegiate complete game, allowing both runs on seven hits and one walk while punching out four.

The Panthers added 13 more hits and were led by Chris Stocker's three hits and two RBIs. Stocker had a double and launched his sixth homer of the year for PNC. Mark Myszkowski also had three hits while Hudson and Pierce added two hits each. Chris Cappello led the way for PNC with three RBIs.

Trinity Christian Split

The Panthers split a doubleheader with Trinity Christian College, Apr. 16, in Palos Heights, Ill.

In game one the Panthers blew a 4-1 lead with two outs in the seventh inning and fell 5-4 in nine innings. PNC scored four runs on eight hits and committed three errors while TCC scored five runs on 10 hits and had five errors.

Shawn Kuhns pitched 6.2 strong innings, allowing nine hits and four runs (three earned) for the Panthers.

All eight hits for the Panthers came from the top of the lineup as the bottom five combined for a 0 for 18 day. Jake Pierce, Steve Hudson, Steve Georgion and Chris Stocker all had two hits apiece, with Stocker leading the way with two RBI's and Georgion contributing a double.

In game two the Panthers rallied for a 3-2 win in eight innings. PNC scored their runs on nine hits and didn't commit an error while TCC had four hits and committed one error. The Panthers scored single runs in the third, seventh and eighth innings while the Trolls scored two runs in the sixth.

PNC's winning run scored on a straight steal of home by Georgion with two outs and two strikes on the batter.

Josh Earegood took a no hitter and a 1-0 lead into the sixth inning before the Trolls rallied for their two runs. Earegood gave up three hits while walking five and striking out three in 5.1 innings of work. Scott Marks earned the win with 2.2 innings of scoreless relief and gave up just one hit to move to 3-1.

John Selman collected three hits for the Panthers while Mike Zolper and Steve Hudson added two hits apiece. Hudson added an RBI as did Dave Dickerson who drove in the tying run on a fielder's choice in the seventh to force extra innings.

Loss to St. Xavs in Extra Innings

PNC dropped an 8-7 decision to St. Xavier, Apr. 13, in Chicago.

The Panthers held a 7-1 after five innings of play, but St. Xavier scored five runs in the sixth inning, one in the seventh and one in the 10th for the come-from-behind victory.

The Panthers scored single runs in the third and fourth innings and added two runs in the fifth and three in the sixth.

PNC scored their seven runs on 11 hits and committed three errors while the Cougars scored eight runs on 16 hits with no errors.

Overall, the Panthers were led by Chad Pierce and Adam Kennedy who had two hits and one RBI each. Steve Georgion added a hit and two RBI's while Pierce, Steve Hudson and Mike Zolper each had a double.

The Panthers wasted a strong effort by Shaun Kuhns, who allowed just one run in five innings of work.

PNC Sweeps Two from TI

The Panthers swept a doubleheader from Trinity International University, Apr. 9, in Westville.

In game on Brian Phillips moved his record to 4-2 with a complete game effort, allowing just two runs (one earned) on seven hits while striking out four in the 4-2 victory.

The Panthers managed six hits by six different players and were led by Tony Popov with two RBI's and an RBI double by Jake Pierce.

The Panthers scored three runs in the second inning and one in the fourth while Trinity International had single runs in the third and fourth innings.

In game two Shaun Kuhns pitched 4.2 innings of scoreless relief, allowing three hits while striking out three as the Panthers won 4-3. Kuhns also moved his record to 4-2.

Trinity International jumped out to a 3-0 lead, scoring one run in the second inning and two in the third inning. They scored their runs on five hits and took advantage of five walks.

PNC battled back in the bottom of the third inning behind a two run homer by Dave Dickerson, his first of the year. The Panthers added two more runs in the fourth inning to complete the scoring.

The Panthers had seven hits overall by seven different players and were led by Dickerson, and RBI hits from Popov and Steve Hudson (double).

Game two saw Senior Jennifer Cassell hit a single to center field to drive in the only run of the game in the bottom of the seventh to lead the Panthers to the second win of the day. The winning pitcher was Kate Golden.

PNC were back in action at home at Patriot Park Fri., Apr. 27 when they will face University of St. Francis in non-conference play.

At Cardinal Stritch PNC Qualifies for Conference Tourney

PNC softball team won both games 3-2 and 4-0 against Cardinal Stritch College on Apr. 28, 2007.

The two wins qualified the team for the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament on Wed., May 2, 2007.

The Panthers finish the regular season 21-15 and 10-8 in the conference.

In game one of the double bill, PNC came from behind in the bottom of the 7th to win the

game 3-2. The Panthers scored their first run in the fourth inning when Senior, Jennifer Cassell, hit a single to left center to bring in Senior, Heather Weaver. But the Wolves answered back in the fifth scoring two runs on a single to center field, taking the lead 2-1. The Panthers were determined to make it to the post season. In the bottom of the 7th inning, pinch hitter Melissa Carson hit a double to right center bringing in Betsy Maher to tie the game 2-2. PNC won the game on a single to left center by Senior Heather Weaver driving in Stephanie Zaharias to end the game 3-2.

Pitcher Bethany Toyias earns the win for the Panthers. The win qualified PNC for the post season placing the team in firmly in the top six in the CCAC conference standings.

Game two saw more great offense. PNC scored two in the first inning when Tracy Markwell scored on a ground out by Kate Golden and Erin Foust scored on a single to left

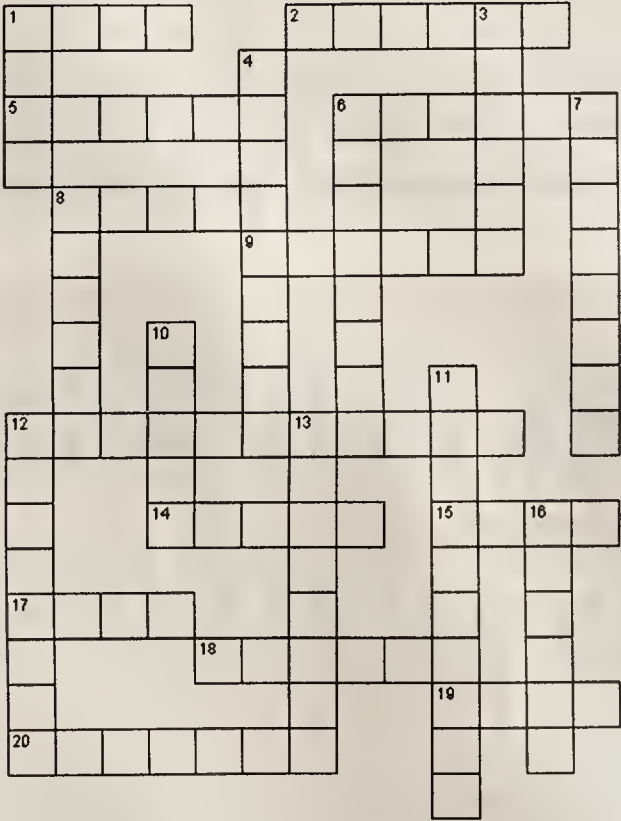
field by Senior Jennifer Cassell. The Panthers added to their lead in the third inning when Golden hit a triple to score Foust. Golden then scored when Cassell grounded out to the short stop putting the Panthers up 4-0. Alyssa Whitaker takes the win for PNC pitching seven full innings, allowing only six hits.

Today was also Senior Day for PNC. The Panthers will be graduating three student athletes this year. Catcher/ First Baseman, Jennifer Cassell has played three years at PNC transferring from Glenville State College in 2004. "Jenn" ends the regular season with a .354 batting average and .977 fielding. Second Baseman, Heather Weaver has played two years at PNC transferring from Indiana University in 2005. Heather ends the regular season with a .354 batting average and .963 fielding. Outfielder Katie Ebach has spent four years with the Panther program. She leaves the team a 2006 All Conference Honorable Mention player.

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- 12. Argentina (6,5)
- 14. South Korea (5)
- 15. Italy (4)
- 17. Fiji (4)
- 18. Lebanon (6)
- 19. Norway (4)
- 20. Puerto Rico (3,4)

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- 1. Togo (4)
- 3. Angola (6)
- 4. Mauritius (4,5)
- 6. Finland (8)
- 7. United Arab Emirates (3,5)
- 8. Dominica (6)
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